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YOUTH FOUNDATION

Private cash for public programs

AYF seeks to aid youth services

By Rita Savard

The same private foundation designed to oversee funding for a youth center is now working on raising money to help "sustain" the town's Andover Youth Services Department.

Larry Larsen, president of the Andover Youth Foundation, said the group unanimously voted to throw its support toward the youth program. The town program has continued to expand, while its budget has not.

"We were worried about the youth program," Larsen said. "Unfortunately, the town hasn't funded it beyond the bare bones positions."

Members of the Youth Foundation, in addition to continuing efforts to accumulate the \$5.5 million needed for a youth center, wish to increase aid for town youth programs by raising an extra \$40,000 annually for AYS, he said.

"Our concern is that we see a program that we very much love, but it doesn't do us any good to build a youth center if we don't have the program," Larsen added.

AYS has a total of three full-time employees on its payroll who work to provide activities and programs for approximately 6,000 kids each year.

Aside from the money used for salaries for full- and part-time staff, AYS will receive about \$20,700 in town funding to run youth programs this year.

"The whole purpose of the Youth Foundation is to raise money for the youth center," said Bill Fahey, director of Andover

YOUTH SERVICES RECENT BUDGETS

YEAR	TOTAL BUDGET
FY '02	\$210,501
FY '03	\$206,400
FY '04	\$193,224
FY '05	\$205,882

* TOWN MANAGER BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI SAID EVEN THOUGH TOWN BUDGET SUPPORT HAS BEEN REDUCED, REVOLVING FUNDS THAT INCLUDE USER FEES FOR PROGRAMS HAVE INCREASED THIS YEAR, ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT MORE MONEY FOR PROGRAMS.

Youth Services. "But with budget cuts affecting the whole town, we have to plan ahead. Ever since day one, 10 years ago, we've worked really hard to include as many kids as we could, and we don't want to turn any of those kids away now while we wait for the budget situation to get better."

AYF is scheduled to begin construction in June, under a contract it has with the town. The town and AYF has extended the contract before. So far, AYF has raised more than \$3 million of the \$5.5 million it needs.

Larsen said AYF's mission to foster more revenue for the Andover Youth Services Department will not hinder fund-raising efforts for the youth center, despite minutes from a previous selectmen's meeting that stated "they have hit a plateau in fundraising."

Notes from the board's Oct. 25 session, as recorded by Selectman Mary Lyman, detail a

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The Rev. Thomas McMillan, senior pastor of West Parish Church, and Youth Minister Jonathan Drury of South Church watch the TV commercial "God is Still Speaking," which they hope will draw new people to their United Church of Christ parishes.

Marketing God

UCC churches aggressively using ads to attract members

By Andrea Gregory

A new commercial will be hitting television soon: *Two bouncers with bulging biceps, tattoos and ear pieces stand behind a velvet rope, guarding an entrance. Large arms folded across their tight, black T-shirts, they look over the people waiting to get in, searching for the right type, the right look. One of the men opens the velvet rope to let someone in. Then he quickly latches it closed.*

"No, step aside, please... No way, not you," says his partner, turning some people away, such as a gay couple holding hands and a man in a wheelchair.

Only this is not an ad for the hottest new nightclub, it's an ad for a church.

The United Church of Christ — which counts three Andover churches as members — plans to air the first of two commercials promoting the denomination on national television this month. The 30-second bits intend to strengthen UCC's message that it promotes an all-inclusive church, as other churches are taking stronger stands on subjects such as gay marriage. It hopes to attract people who might feel ignored by other churches, inspire current members of the church and bring about church growth and



In one commercial, shown above, bouncers send people away from entering a church. The message: United Church of Christ churches are more open than some other congregations.

renewal, said two Andover ministers involved in the UCC.

"They are slick. It gets your attention," said Jonathan Drury, youth minister at South Church.

While religious promotions are no stranger to the airwaves, this is not the typical Mormon promotion, asking people to love their neighbor and call for a free Bible. After the bouncers' scene, the screen fades to black and a message appears — "Jesus

didn't turn people away. Neither do we." Next, a gathering of people depicts a cheery assortment of ethnicity. "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here," says the voice-over.

Drury calls it a grassroots effort and a sign of the times. "This is the first attempt by the UCC to say, 'This is who we are,'" he said.

The United Church of Christ

does not have the history of many other denominations. It is only about 50 years old. But according to Drury, and many people across the country working to promote the national advertising campaign tagged "God is Still Speaking," the time is right for the UCC's message. Hence, a multi-million dollar national advertising campaign.

Andover churches such as South Church, West Parish Church and Ballardvale United Church will be doing their part to promote the campaign. Large red-and-black banners will hang outside the churches that say "God is Still Speaking," and quote Gracie Allen with the phrase, "Never place a period where God has placed a comma."

"It's all about branding," said Tom McMillan, senior pastor at West Parish. "'Come and try us' is the message we want to get out. I think the No. 1 goal is name recognition and a stronger sense of our identity. And then, that it is open. Many people have felt excluded by organized religion."

It is not the first time Andover churches have opted to catch the public's attention through advertising. A large

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OVERTIME COSTS & THE BUDGET

Fire chief says he might idle truck

By Andrea Gregory

Fire Chief Charles Murnane says he is considering temporarily shutting down a fire truck to help stay within his budget.

As early as this winter, the pump truck at the new safety center at 32 North Main St. might be removed from service to save money, because the Andover Fire Department is spending so much money on overtime, Murnane said. Whatever action he takes to stay within his budget would be temporary.

Murnane said he believes if he does not do something now to save money, he could be

forced to shut down an entire station before the end of the budget year. But he also later said, "We are just looking at this. We are just exploring the options we have."

Murnane's comments come as the town begins its budget-review process, and is forming its budget for next year.

As in previous years, his department is spending more money on overtime than was budgeted. The Andover Fire Department has spent about 58 percent of its overtime budget already, while it has used only 38 percent of its regular-salary

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Flu shots may be available to seniors 65-75



Frank Gioia receives a flu shot at the Andover High School Field House.

By Rita Savard

As nurses doled out flu shots to Andover's "high risk" residents this week, it became obvious the town would have hundreds of doses left over. Town health officials believe they might be able to offer these shots to residents aged 65 to 75 soon. But it will be up to the state to decide.

"Right now the Department of Public Health is trying to assess if the state has taken care of all the high-risk people before offering vaccine to others," said Andover Health Director Everett Penney. "We're hoping the state health commissioner will announce this week that the vaccine will be available to a broader range of residents."

The new course of action would prompt the town to quickly organize another flu-shot clinic within the first two weeks of December to ensure ample protection before flu season begins.

Volunteer health workers at the town's free flu clinics on Nov. 23 and 29 administered about 500 shots, leaving the town with more than 600 unused doses. Andover received a total of 1,120 flu-vaccine shots from the state.

"There's still a whole cohort of people between 60 and 75 that can't get the vaccine because of state restrictions," Penney said. "Those people are usually the biggest group to take advantage of the clinic."

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Hepatitis A case

Official: 'No need to worry'

Town health workers still inspecting grocery store daily

By Rita Savard

Town health officials are continuing daily inspections of food preparation areas at the Market Basket in Shawheen Plaza ever since a deli worker was diagnosed with hepatitis A last Friday, Nov. 26. There is no risk that customers could contract the disease, say health officials.

"We're inspecting the facility on a daily basis for the next few weeks just to be sure sanitary procedures are in place," said Everett Penney, public health director. "People don't need to worry. We've carefully looked over the sanitation conditions and everything is in order."

Penny said the worker who had been infected with the contagious viral disease which causes swelling of the liver, will not be able to return to work until a series of medical tests proves the illness has cleared.

It can take 50 days before developing symptoms from exposure to hepatitis A, according to the state Department of Public Health. Symptoms are dependent upon age. Adults and teens can develop fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea and jaundice. Young children seldom get jaundice, but can experience mild flu-like symptoms, an upset stomach, or no symptoms at all.

Hepatitis A usually lasts one to two weeks. There is no treatment for the disease, and the DPH reports that most people do not need any. In rare instances, some adults can feel sick for up to a few months.

Nine other deli workers at the grocery store received immune globulin shots immediately after health officials were made aware of the virus. The IG injections do not make a person immune to Hepatitis A, said Nicole St. Peter, director of public affairs for DPH. But the shots can partially protect against the virus for three to five months, and make symptoms milder.

"People that get immune globulin can still contract the disease and spread it to others," St. Peter said. "But in the case of the Market Basket worker, the (town) Board of Health found that the worker practiced the proper food-handling procedures so they weren't worried that the virus would be passed on to consumers."

According to Penney,

coworkers received IG shots because of potential risk factors such as sharing drinking cups, food utensils and restroom facilities. But complete health checks proved that all employees, including the infected worker, had adhered to strict sanitation policies such as washing hands following visits to the restroom and wearing gloves while handling food.

"Shedding the virus is a factor in whether or not you notify the public," Penney said. "This worker didn't have any symptoms of shedding, like vomiting or diarrhea, only mild symptoms of nausea and stomach pain."

The infected worker was diagnosed with the disease after receiving a blood test. Doctors are required to report cases of hepatitis A by law because the illness can be easily spread to other people.

The virus is most commonly spread when people do not wash their hands after using a toilet, or by changing a diaper or soiled sheets, and then touching the mouth. The disease usually spreads from person to person by handling food or touching others with contaminated hands.

The Department of Public Health indicates the high-risk window for transmitting the disease is during two weeks prior to showing symptoms. Most people are no longer contagious one week after symptoms begin. Unlike other hepatitis viruses, hepatitis A is usually not spread by blood.

How to prevent hepatitis A

- **WASH YOUR HANDS** - Good hand-washing protects against hepatitis A and many other diseases. Always clean hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching or eating food, and after using the toilet or changing a diaper.
- **COOK SHELLFISH** - Do not eat raw or undercooked shellfish. Thorough cooking destroys the hepatitis A virus.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Residents deemed at risk by the state were allowed to get free flu-vaccine shots at two Andover Health Department clinics during the last week. Andover health officials had more than 600 shots left over after the clinics and believe these shots might be made available to residents aged 65 to 75.

More than 600 flu shots left over

■ FLU SHOTS

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After half of the country's flu-vaccine supply was jeopardized from contamination, Massachusetts tightened its requirements for vaccine eligibility. This excluded a large number of senior citizens — those under 75 — and forced others to bring a doctor's note to receive a shot.

Now, with the extra doses on hand, town health officials are anticipating the state Department of Public Health will agree to follow the Centers for Disease Control's standards, which will allow anyone 65 and older to receive flu shots.

Turnout less than usual

The first clinic, held at the Andover High School Field House last week, attracted the largest group of vaccine recipients.

Assistant Health Director Joanne Martel directed the smooth flow of foot traffic from about 360 residents — many under 75 carrying a doctor's note.

"We expected the first day would be packed with people who were afraid there wouldn't be enough vaccine," said Martel. "There was a line around the building when we first arrived, but it tapered off quite a bit. It's usually not this quiet."

Martel also attributed the smaller turnout to tougher eligibility requirements.

Waiting for his turn at one of the eight vaccine stations, 65-year-old Frank Gioia came prepared with a letter signed from his physician.

Gioia said an artificial valve in his heart placed him on the high-risk list.

"I've been getting the shot every year since 1997," said the Andover native, who was concerned about the initial vaccine shortage. "I was glad to hear more shots would be available." Despite earlier reports of a thin vaccine supply, Jim and Peggy Keck, both over 75, said they were not panicked by the news.

"I've never had the flu," said Peggy Keck, adding that she and her husband line up for the shot each year. "I do think it's a smart way to safeguard against the virus. We just hoped that the town would be able to get enough vaccine out to the people who needed it most."

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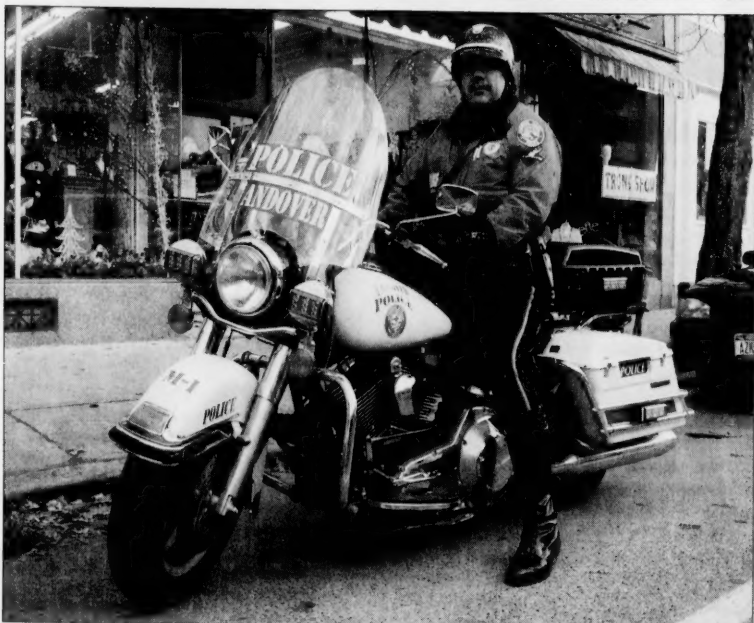
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Officer Roy Russell patrolled Main Street on a motorcycle in 1953, as shown in the top photo. Today, as the bottom photo shows, Safety Officer Robert Cronin can be found on Main Street — with a helmet and on a slightly more advanced vehicle.

Submit Town Meeting ideas until Jan. 21

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting will be open for residents to submit articles until Friday, Jan. 21, at 4:30 p.m.

Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 for information on how to obtain private warrant article forms or stop by the town clerk's office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the private warrant article form and information on how to file a private warrant article can also be obtained on the town's Web site www.andover-ma.gov, under "Town Meeting."

Mitten and Hat Collection Time

The Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring the annual Mitten/Hat Collection Program that benefits children and adults of Andover, Lazarus House in Lawrence and Toys for Tots.

The following locations in Andover have agreed to participate in the program by displaying the snowman and providing a candy cane or treat for those who bring new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes to the snowman. Look for the snowman at these locations: Andover Senior Center, Memorial Hall Library, SHED and Kid's Club, Bancroft, Shawshen and High Plain elementary schools, and Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

To make donations, simply go to one of the locations before noon on Friday, Dec. 17 and drop off mittens, hats, and scarves — and pick up a candy cane.

New date for schools

An upcoming School Committee meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 7 has been changed to Dec. 14.

Christmas packages, overseas destinations

The Andover postmaster listed below the major dates recommended for mail to be delivered by Dec. 25. Mail by Parcel Post to military APO/FPO addresses should have been sent by Nov. 13.

Other dates:

• Dec. 6 — First-Class cards and letters or Priority Mail to military APO AE ZIPs 093 addresses.

• Dec. 6 — Global Airmail letters, cards and Parcel Post to Africa and Central or South American International Mail locations.

• Dec. 11 — First-Class cards and letters or Priority Mail to all over military APO/FPO addresses.

• Dec. 13 — Global Airmail letters, cards and Parcel Post to other International Mail locations.

• Dec. 20 — Global Express Guaranteed International Mail.

Quote, unquote . . .

THE LOCATION HASN'T BEEN DEFINED yet, but it will be out of sight to the greatest extent possible to abutters.
— Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities coordinator, on putting another building in Spring Grove Cemetery. The building would be smaller than the one proposed this summer.

IT IS THE ONE HALLOWED GROUND the town has. I just feel we shouldn't even be talking about this.
— Spring Grove Cemetery neighbor Joseph Madden of Porter Road. (Story, page 4)

News Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 2

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, Plant and Facilities conference room, 9:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 6

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, TBA

Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Council on Aging, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Ballardvale Lowell Junction Traffic Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 13

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

Fish Brook Initiative Task Force, water treatment plant on Route 133, conference room, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Keep dogs in check on Phillips Academy land

Phillips Academy is reminding residents the law — specifically the town leash law and pooper-scooper bylaw — does not stop at the boundaries of its campus.

Visitors who walk their dogs in the Cochran Sanctuary or on other places on campus must keep dogs on leashes at all times. As is try elsewhere in Andover, pet owners should clean up dog waste.

"An unusually high number of complaints about unrestrained dogs on campus this fall has prompted the academy to seek stricter enforcement of the town's leash law. New signs have been posted at the sanctuary, and the town's dog officer has been patrolling the area issuing citations to violators," according to an academy release. "The academy's faculty and staff as well as townspeople are required to adhere to Andover's leash law on campus."

"Phillips Academy's sanctuary and playing fields are attractive places for people to walk their pets," said Michael Williams, director of physical plant. "We ask that people respect these spaces by leashing their pets and cleaning up after them, which will enable us keep these areas open for all to enjoy."

Health clinics

The Andover Health Department will host mini clinics on Monday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Dec. 20 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior center clinics will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29. No appointment is necessary.

Town's Michael Dalton graduates fire academy Santa Night

The town's newest firefighter is Michael T. Dalton, who has completed the 55-day Recruit Firefighting Program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. He was a member of the program's 164th Class.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, future firefighters learn skills from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to, contain and control fires, said the academy. They are also trained in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, water rescue procedures, confined space rescue techniques, and rappelling. The intensive, 11-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training and live practice.

The second annual Santa Night caroling tour is coming to Greater Lawrence on Friday, Dec. 10. Forty local business people will be dressing up as Santas and Elves visiting local pubs and restaurants to sing a few carols and raise money for families and children in need this holiday season. The event is sponsored by the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club.

Two honored by Y

The Andover/North Andover YMCA's annual meeting is tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3, at 8 a.m., at the Wyndham Hotel.

The Y will honor Ken Weidman, an Andover resident who has served on its board of directors for 25 years, and outgoing board of directors Chairman Jack Driscoll, also of Andover.

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SPRING GROVE

Smaller building for cemetery?

By Dorian Block

Some town officials have resubmitted a plan to construct the building at Spring Grove Cemetery, four months after they withdrew a proposal for a larger structure at the site because of neighbors' worries over trucks and a garage polluting the serenity of the graveyard.

But this plan is for a temporary garage to be used only until the town can buy up enough homes and properties around Buxton Court to knock the houses down and build the yard Plant and Facilities Director Joseph Piantedosi said Andover needs.

Neighbors living near Buxton Court said they don't want to lose their homes and see diminished property values because of a yard for fixing trucks and storing sand. They plan to oppose the town's offers.

Piantedosi resubmitted his

plans for Spring Grove as part of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's capital improvement plan now being considered by selectmen. Piantedosi said the yard at Buxton Court is overcrowded and he needs this structure at the cemetery as a short-term solution.

"I'm looking at something substantially smaller than what I had proposed this spring and in a different location to try and stay away from the immediate area the abutters cared so strongly about," Piantedosi said. "The location hasn't been defined yet, but it will be out of sight to the greatest extent possible to abutters."

Piantedosi's original plan was to build a \$150,000, five-bay steel garage at the cemetery. The smaller garage would cost \$75,000. The proposal would need further approval from selectmen and adoption at Town Meeting in the spring.

Piantedosi said the building would be about the size of a two-car garage and sit in the back of the cemetery in a location that would appease neighbors.

One of those abutters, Joseph Madden of Porter Road, said there is no place in the cemetery that is appropriate for such a facility.

"It is the one hallowed ground the town has," Madden said. "I just feel we shouldn't even be talking about this. In my mind, you don't go put extravagant maintenance functions in a town this large in a tiny plot called Spring Grove Cemetery, which over time will be filled with plots."

The abutters and trustees said in addition to their disapproval of the changes, they are frustrated that they were not initially notified of the possibility. They said it was hidden in the 119-page capital improvement plan.

AYF: No effect on center effort

■ YOUTH PROGRAMS

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meeting with five teens from the Andover Youth Council who came to establish four goals, including generating more funding for the center's completion.

Lyman said no one from the Andover Youth Foundation was present at the meeting.

Both Larsen and Fahey said the message presented by the youth was misinterpreted, and efforts to continue the building project should not be stalled.

"I haven't heard anything about that meeting," Larsen said. "Earlier on, we had told select-

men what we had reached and what we suspected it would cost and that we'd be pressing on."

Fahey, who was present during the meeting, said the teens talked about different issues affecting AYS, but never mentioned hitting a plateau in raising funds for the youth center.

The Youth Foundation currently has more than \$3 million earmarked for breaking ground behind the West Andover Fire Station near Greenwood Road. While the remaining balance for the building project requires another \$2.5 million, Larsen predicts the Andover Youth Foun-

dation's new mission will not detract from its original goal.

The AYF president said he continues to remain optimistic about the future and hopes its proposal will help rekindle spirit for building a new center.

"The Andover Youth Services is an outstanding program for kids in town and we're going to raise the money to sustain it somehow," Larsen said. "Our initial plan was to support the town's youth programs after the center was built, but the current issue is, we have to support what we already have and we cannot let that be compromised."

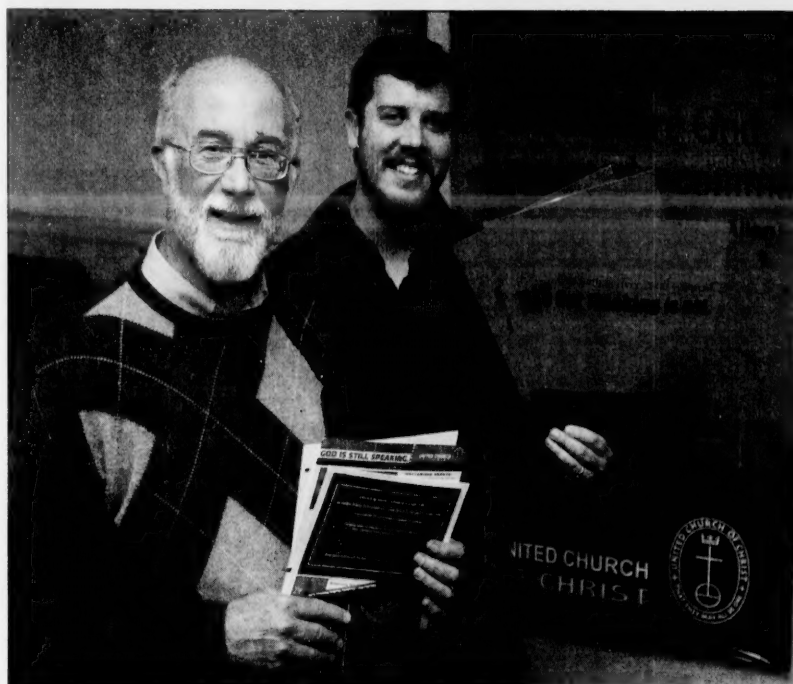


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The Rev. Thomas McMillan, senior pastor of West Parish Church, and Jonathan Drury, youth minister of South Church, stand in front banner from "The Still Speaking Initiative," part of a national effort to draw more people to United Church of Christ churches such as theirs.

Hip ad campaign – for church

■ RELIGIOUS EFFORT

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billboard that was clearly visible to Interstate 495 drivers was part of a \$30,000 campaign by the New England Bible Church. "Got Purpose?" read the sign, imitating the Got Milk? campaign.

"We just found that it consistently caught people's eyes," said Tyler Thompson, youth pastor for the New England Bible Church. "I think part of it is, we are in a culture that is driven by advertising."

The billboard was displayed when the church took part in the international 40 Days of Purpose campaign.

"People naturally come to church to find what the deeper purpose of their life is," Thompson said.

It didn't hurt to let them know exactly where the church is located. According to Thompson, the church's Web site activity soared when the sign went up. "It did make us wonder if we should start doing more billboards," he said.

Currently, there is not a plan for a new billboard.

And, the way the UCC literature puts it, religious advertising dates back to the dawn of Christianity. The Lord himself may have been the ultimate advertising guru of his time, it says.

"Jesus was in the advertising business. He had the ultimate product – God's salvation – and used all of his creative skills to spread the word. Jesus taught in synagogues, spoke in parables, walked on water, healed the sick and even raised the dead. Why? Not to bring glory to himself, but to point to his main product: God's redemptive love. Jesus was a walking, talking, living, breathing commercial for the advent of God's reign," says one of the campaign pamphlets.

According to Drury and McMillan, UCC churches pride themselves on tolerance and acceptance of all people, and are constantly working on becoming more welcoming. The church does recognize gay marriage, but the pastors say that is only one example of their open-mindedness and acceptance.

Both pastors say they cannot predict how effective the advertising campaign will be.

"It's hard to know what the response will be," said Drury.

But all the same, some response is expected. "It's amazing what you can get out in 25 seconds, how much information you can convey," said McMillan.

While television might pay dividends, almost every religious facility in town advertises itself through a Web site. Thompson, at New England Bible Church, said his church just redesigned its Web site and plans to do it again next year.

Thompson said most new parishioners come to the church through referrals. But the second most common way for new parishioners to find his church is through its Web site. Two or three years ago, people used to find the church through phone books, he said. Now, the Internet is a more popular way of finding a new church. He said New England Bible Church will continue advertising in the phone book for a few more years. "But we are certainly moving forward with technology," he said.

Drury, at South Church, said there was a time when word-of-mouth was enough advertising. Well, that and a tall steeple visible over the tree limbs.

"How do you plug into this century?" Drury asks. "I think it is a sign of the times. People realize the steeple doesn't cut it any more."

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Red Spring Road reopens with safe, new retaining wall

By Andrea Gregory

Residents had something to be thankful for in the days before Thanksgiving — a mid-sized town project completed on time and under budget.

About a week before Thanksgiving, the Red Spring Road retaining wall project was completed and the road reopened.

At the 2003 Town Meeting, residents approved \$400,000 for a new wall to replace the 80-year-old retaining wall that officials were calling unsafe.

The final figures are not in yet, but Brian Moore, town engineer, said he expects the total bill to be around \$375,000.

The wall runs about 200 feet along Red Spring Road, between Cuba Street and Shawsheen Road, keeping the road intact and from falling into the Shawsheen River.

During the summer, workers from Tasco Construction began removing the old retaining wall that supported Red Spring Road for years.

The new wall is made out of precast concrete. Pieces of wall were shipped to Andover and the wall was assembled with them. Petkus said putting the wall together was similar to building something out of Lincoln Logs, but on a much larger scale.

As part of the project, telephone



Red Spring Road is open again, now that a new retaining wall (on left side of road) is in place.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

poles were transferred to the opposite, side of the street from the sidewalks, making it safer for pedestrians.

Petkus said the town should be able

to get a good 50 to 100 years out of the new wall. Moore said he hopes it will last even longer. According to Moore, the segmented, precast concrete is not

the strongest of all retaining walls, but it is safe and satisfactory for the job on Red Spring Road.

Almost any type of replacement

would have been safer than what existed before the project began, according to officials.

Decades ago, the old retaining wall on Red Spring Road collapsed, taking part of the street with it. Several repairs and touch up jobs allowed the wall to support the road longer, but Petkus had pointed out the former wall's problems were visually obvious. The buckling, old, masonry wall was supposed to be vertical or even tapered back from the road, but it actually leaned the opposite way.

"The way the old wall was sliding and deteriorating, it eventually would have toppled over, and the road would have needed to be closed," said Moore.

During the replacement project, 500 feet of pavement was closed off temporarily as workers dug out the crumbling wall and prepared to put in a new wall. When the project was approved by Town Meeting, officials had said they would try to allow cars to travel on at least half of the road during construction, but they were forced to go with the back-up plan: a detour down narrow Cuba Street, a narrow residential street that runs parallel to the well-traveled Red Spring Road.

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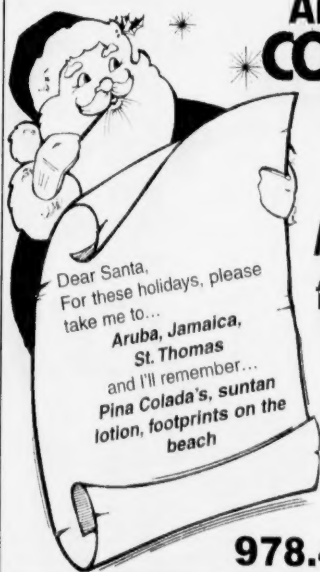
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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - At 1:55 p.m., Fred Zenda, 57, of 6 Crescent Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and resisting arrest.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 4:36 p.m., Concepcion Gomez, 31, of 63 Creston Ave., Woburn, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and not wearing a seat belt.

At 9:55 p.m., Christopher Salomone, 45, of 24 Kingston St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - At 4:21 a.m., Jason White, 20, of 524 Hadley West Drive, Haverhill, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, carrying a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

At 11:36 a.m., Gary Butterworth, 51, of 84 Cedar St., Wenham, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 9:32 p.m., a juvenile was arrested and charged with assault and threatening to commit a crime.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - At 12:13 p.m., there was a report of a stolen cellular phone.

Thursday, Nov. 25 - At 10:52 a.m., an Oriole Drive resident reported a stolen mailbox.

Friday, Nov. 26 - At 3:36 p.m., a man reported his credit card had been stolen from Phillips Academy.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 12:06 p.m., a male reported a case of fraud.

At 9:28 p.m., a male reported his bike had been stolen from the train station on Railroad Street. He told police he had locked up his bike before leaving it there.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - At 12:53 p.m., someone from Elm Street Auto on Lupine Road reported larceny by check.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Nov. 25 - At 9:45 p.m., there was a report of eight or nine kids loitering and making a lot of noise at the train station.

Friday, Nov. 26 - At 9:22 a.m., a resident reported having problems with his neighbor. He told police he has had these problems in the past and that his landlord

asked him to have the police respond.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 12:10 a.m., a father called police, requesting an ambulance for his 16-year-old daughter who would not wake up after she had been drinking.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - At 12:10 a.m., someone reported a group of kids smoking marijuana on Minuteman Road.

Monday, Nov. 29 - At 8:54 a.m., someone reported that a male wearing camouflage was carrying a rifle and walking down Dale Street. Police checked the area, but did not see anyone matching the description.

At 10:26 a.m., a man called to report that his building under construction was vandalized on South Main Street.

At 11:51 a.m., an Algonquin Avenue resident reported a newspaper delivery driver had backed up over the mailbox.

At 1:32 p.m., a resident reported items missing from her home. According to the police report, the resident was missing two cans of green beans.

At 4:41 p.m., a resident reported her daughter was receiving threats.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - At 9 a.m., an employee of an Andover business reported being followed.

At 5:54 p.m., a resident reported a possum with a mousetrap stuck on its head in his basement.

At 10:31 p.m., a resident reported being awakened by a dog that had been barking for five minutes. By the time police arrived, the area was quiet.

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Tuesday, Nov. 30 - At 7:38 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported the tires stolen from his vehicle sometime during the night.

VANDALISM

There were nine such reports.

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SECRET MEETING COMPLAINT

State finds little problem with meeting

By Andrea Gregory

An investigation of the town's compliance with the Open Meeting Law revealed a minor violation that the town manager calls an oversight.

On Sept. 27, selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee members met behind closed doors for approximately 90 minutes.

Several residents waited in the hallway on the third floor of Town Offices while the tri-board executive session took place. Andover resident Tom Deso was one of the residents who waited for officials to open their discussion to the public. He filed a complaint with the District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett on Oct. 9.

Deso's letter noted that the selectmen's agenda stated the executive session was to discuss "contract negotiations." But two officials were quoted in a *Townsmen* article saying the talk centered around making money available for contract settlements, not negotiations.

"The Open Meeting Law does allow governmental bodies to use executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The stated purpose of the executive session was for 'contract negotiations' and not strategy with respect to collective bargaining. There is a difference between the aforementioned purposes and the stated purpose may not have been accurate, however, discussion of contract strategy is a proper purpose and a violation of this nature, the slight misnaming of a valid purpose, would be considered minimis," wrote Thomas Donovan, special counsel with the district attorney's office, in a response to the investigation.

"It was just an oversight. It was one of those things we learned," said Town Manager Buzz Stappczynski.

"That's why I filed the complaint, the stated purpose," said Deso.

Deso said he does not regret asking for an investigation and would not hesitate to do it again.

In the last election, Deso ran for School Committee. He said part of the reason he ran was because there appeared to be too much secrecy in town government. Although he said he is not planning to run again in the next election, he believes the reasons he wanted to get involved are still valid concerns.

"That was one of my big issues: communication and openness," said Deso. "I think the committees have made progress, and that is really all I hope for."

Deso said filing a complaint such as the one he

did should send a message to officials.

However, the town manager said he wasn't so sure what that message was.

"He (Deso) did what he did. We responded, and the district attorney's response stands on its own," said Stappczynski.

Each board received a copy of Deso's complaint and was given the opportunity to respond. Stappczynski responded to the allegations on behalf of the boards.

"The records indicate the focus of the executive session was the ability of the town to meet the demands of its bargaining units. It was believed that a comprehensive understanding of the fiscal position of the town by all three boards was essential. The discussion, as reflected by the minutes of the meeting, could appropriately be regarded as contract strategy," wrote Donovan.

Donovan said it takes a written request such as the one Deso submitted to start an investigation. He said the district attorney's office investigated about 23 complaints in 2003.

Tree lighting at Minuteman for town's tallest tree

The lighting of what is assumed to be one of the tallest trees in the country has been set for Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. at Minuteman Park. Minuteman Park is off River Road in West Andover, with the tree easily visible from Interstate 93.

Minuteman Park has taken over as host of the town's traditional tree lighting ceremony this year, ringing in its new role with a 95-foot Norway spruce loaded with about 30,000 lights strung up by crane. The tree was donated by a Bradford family.

Managers of Minuteman Park say the celebration — following Andover's rescheduled Santa Parade, which will begin at 1 p.m. — will be festive, but the details have not been ironed out. The ceremony will include cookies, hot chocolate and music.

— Dorian Block

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Overtime expenses adding up for AFD

FIRE OVERTIME

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budget.

Overtime costs

Murnane said the problem is that he does not think his \$800,000 overtime budget will be sufficient to finish this year, given that he has already spent about 58 percent of it.

He said during the first quarter of the fiscal year at least six firefighters were out of work for two weeks or longer.

"If somebody calls in, we have to fill on time-and-a-half (pay) or we have to run short," he said.

He said firefighters are not pleased with the solutions he is considering, including not filling such shifts. "They are frustrated. They know there is no money in the town," said Murnane. "It's better to plan now

and do now than to have to shut down a station. This is just the way it is."

Murnane could not say how much more money he thought he would need or how much any of the alternatives he is considering would save.

Town Manager Buzz Stappczynski said residents should not be concerned that any of Murnane's cost-cutting ideas will take effect immediately. Stappczynski said he views the ideas, such as mothballing a fire truck, as the chief taking a proactive approach to monitoring his budget.

"He understands he only has so much money, and he has to live within his budget," said Stappczynski. "I'm glad he is looking at his budget."

Stappczynski and Murnane both say there is a cycle to the department's overtime usage. More overtime is gobbled during the summer and fall, less in the winter, because more people

take vacations during the warmer months.

Murnane said his ideas should not surprise officials since he told them last year he would have problems running the same services within his budget.

"I'll let (the town manager) know what we are going to do, but it absolutely shouldn't come as a surprise," said Murnane. "I have been told there is no money, and you know what? I take them at their word. I would hope they take me seriously. I'm a department head."

The budget review process starts this month. Stappczynski will be looking at this year's expenses in all departments and planning the budget for next year. His new budget will be out in early February.

During the summer, town money was transferred between departments without Town Meeting consent for the first time. Under a new state law (Ch.

46 of the Acts of 2003 the so-called "municipal relief package") towns can transfer surplus funds from one department to another to help balance their books at the end of a fiscal year. The law is temporary. It went into affect for fiscal year 2003 and will allow towns to transfer money through this year, fiscal year 2005.

Last year Andover used the law to transfer \$70,000 from public works, \$35,000 from plant and facilities and \$17,000 from general government to the fire department. Other transfers were \$85,000 from highway expenses to highway personal services which aided the payroll for snow removal, \$150,000 from debt services to health insurance, and \$88,268 from debt services to the worker compensation fund.

Stappczynski said it was too early to say if the town would use this option again at the end of this fiscal year.

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK



Andover Police Officer Mark Higginbottom (wearing No. 9) ran the Feaster Five Road Race last Thursday with actor Matt Damon (no. 11).

Good Will Running

It was a lot of work keeping an eye on all those television reporters and adoring fans who descended on Andover Thanksgiving morning as Hollywood heartthrob Matt Damon ran in the Feaster Five Road Race.

Safety Officer Bob Cronin was the man in charge of crowd control, but he didn't even get an autograph.

"I was too busy," said Cronin. "Now, if it were (former *Friends* actress) Jennifer Aniston, that would have been different."

Cronin, who always leads the road race on his motorcycle, said last Thursday's unusually warm weather and Damon's presence, probably brought out some extra race spectators, along with hordes of media. But the crowds were well behaved and no problems were reported along the five-mile race course. Parking is always a headache for first-time racers, but Cronin said returning runners know there is plenty of parking in the Brickstone Square parking lot on Haverhill Street, near the starting point.

Damon, 34, ran the shorter version of the race – the five kilometer or 3.1-mile course. He recently quit smoking and is training for the upcoming Boston Marathon, and clocked an impressive 23:42, which worked out to 7:38-minute miles.

Damon, who grew up in Cambridge and has relatives in Andover and North Andover, was paired with Andover Police Officer Mark Higginbottom, who is a runner. Higginbottom ran the race alongside Damon for safety reasons, according to Cronin. When asked if other police officers joined them, Cronin said it was a "state police secret."

Cronin, who has taken part in five Boston Marathons, said Damon will most likely run in many more races as his training should become more serious around Jan. 1.

The Boston race is held annually on the third Monday of April, which is Patriots Day.

— Judy Wakefield

Sign of the times

People have been known to steal street signs with their name on them. But would they be willing to buy a Tiffany Lane or Tucker Road sign?

Selling the town's old street signs is a suggestion from resident Susan Reichter, who wants the town to use the money made to purchase new, larger and better signs.

Reichter told selectmen last week she wants larger street signs that are easier for drivers to read, and wants the town to replace missing signs. She said it is difficult to give directions when the routes are missing key markers such as street signs. Replacing signs also could help emergency-response teams get to an accident scene quicker.

Tewksbury recently installed new signs with larger letters and the town logo on them. Reichter said it would look great if Andover did something similar, revealing town pride at every turn. She was not sure how much the project would cost, but suggested replacing signs in phases.

Officials were also not sure what kinds of funds would be needed to support her idea when they discussed it last week.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus said it would cost upwards of \$100 per sign for fancier signs with the town logo. He said the current signs run about \$75 to \$80 when buying them in bulk.

Petkus is opposed to the idea of selling off old signs to help buy new ones. Currently, if someone is in possession of an Andover street sign, officials know it was snatched illegally, he said. Petkus does not believe it is good idea to blur that line.

— Andrea Gregory

Party of the Century

Andover resident Alice Scaffard enjoyed a birthday bash at the Andover Inn last week.

The Academy Manor resident, who formerly lived on Frye Circle, turns 100 years old on Monday, Dec. 6. Friends, nurses and family members attended the party. Mrs. Scaffard's two daughters were among the attendees and both flew in for last Tuesday's party.

— Judy Wakefield



Winter wonderland — The new Brickstone Square tree is smaller than in year's past, but Santa's Village still surrounds it.

Signs of holiday cheer abound

Downtown group kicks off holidays with weekend events

By Judy Wakefield

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE HAS NOT EXACTLY been frightful. There's been no snow to call delightful. But Andover is indeed, all aglow, all aglow, all aglow.

The town has two holiday trees worth visiting – a live one at Brickstone Square and the town's new, largest tree, a more than 90-footer at Minuteman Park, visible from Interstate 93 (see page 6 for tree-lighting ceremony information).

Main Street will be getting in on the act promptly. White lights are scheduled to go up on the downtown trees tomorrow, Friday, in time for several downtown stores that are open late and hosting holiday open houses.

"Downtown is showing so well," said Nancy Hargreaves of Banknorth on Main Street, who serves as treasurer of the Andover Business Center Association. "Downtown hasn't been very festive in years past, but this year is very festive and we are working to get more folks downtown."

The bank's wreaths were hung Tuesday while she was securing plans to put up the bank's outdoor Christmas tree, a Main Street holiday fixture for years.

"The holiday music is playing, the

wreaths are up and the holidays are here," she said.

She's got the holiday spirit and plenty of people will be joining her in the coming days. Hanukkah starts at sundown on Tuesday, Dec. 7, while Christmas is just three weeks from Saturday.

Downtown Andover is ready with a slew of holiday happenings, and Santa is back to pose for photographs on Saturday morning at the Town House on Main Street.

The weekend's holiday itinerary, organized by the Andover Business Center Association, reads like this:

LATE CLOSING FOR SHOPPERS – Several downtown stores and two galleries are staying open late tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3. Twenty will be open until 9 p.m. and serving refreshments from 4 p.m. to closing.

"It's all about customer convenience and it's a good idea," said Ron Hill of Baystate Financial Services, chairman of the Andover Chamber of Commerce. "A lot of people work out of town and would like to shop downtown. This Friday night they can."

CAROLING – ABCA has organized a crew of carolers, including the Andover High School Chorus, Free Christian

Church Choir, and Kiwanis members. They will sing along Main Street tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 9 p.m.

DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTS –

It's an expense that was not included in this year's town budget, but some 16 local businesses, landlords, banks and the ABCA stepped up with contributions to keep this town tradition alive. In fact, Banknorth donated \$2,500. Vale Landscaping in West Andover is scheduled to start stringing the lights early tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3, as long as the weather cooperates. Town Manager Buzz Staczynski said enough money has been donated to light 17 downtown trees, which cost about \$1,000 each to light and maintain.

SANTA IS BACK – Santa's coming, and parents might want to thank the Board of Selectmen chairman for his appearance if they see him around town. Santa will be at Old Town Hall, a.k.a. the Town House, on Saturday morning to pose for pictures with kids for \$5 each, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Members of the Andover High Girls Hockey Team Booster Club will serve as the elves, while Ultimate Perk and Perfetto's will provide the coffee. Other children's events at the Town House are planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those include candle-making, cookie decorating and storytelling.

TWO TREES – The gigantic Brickstone Square tree is no longer but there is a well-decorated tree with lights and the Santa's Village is still there and worth a visit. There's a pretty winter wonderland scene on display that some people use as a great background for holiday cards. Plus, they have a weekend Santa. Photos with Santa are available tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. Those Friday and Saturday night hours are the same through Dec. 18. The photos cost \$5 and proceeds benefit teen programs at the Andover-North Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street. Brickstone is still a drop-off site for Toys for Tots, and donations are welcome.

The town's largest tree is in West Andover in Minuteman Park, off I-93 and easily visible to commuters. At Townsman presstime as lights were still being strung.



At last year's Holiday Open House in downtown Andover, Sandpiper Shop owner Paula Pagonis offered a warm welcome and snacks to Anna Jurek (in middle), 10, and Shannon Quinlan, 11, both of Andover.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Temple Emanuel of Andover, located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, is planning several upcoming events.

This Friday evening, Dec. 3 at 5:45, the temple will hold a special abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool, and school-aged children. **Rabbi Robert Goldstein** will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. **Cantor Donn Rosensweig** will lead the singing.

On Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m., Temple Emanuel welcomes author **David Gumpert** for a lecture and discussion entitled, "A Biblical Story from the Holocaust." In addition to authoring several books, Gumpert writes for various newspapers and online services.

On Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel invites townspeople to join in for the third annual **Hanukkah Night of Music**. This will be a Shabbat evening service filled with traditional and contemporary music. The evening will feature the professional klezmer music of **Khevre**, along with the temple's own adult and junior choirs, religious school chorus and orchestra, and nursery school chorus. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

For more information about any of the events, call the temple office at 978-470-1356.

SouthWinds at **South Church** will offer an Advent Taize service, a worship opportunity for the Andover community, this Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

Thousands of Christian people from all over the world, young and old, gather at Taize services every week to pray, to search, to sing and to find refreshment and renewal, organizers said.

Led by South Church music directors **Megan Sharp** and **Jonathan**

Schakle, the Taize service is marked by depth and simplicity. The services consist of periods of silent meditation, songs sung as prayers, gospel readings and responses.

Time is suspended in a Taize service. Songs and meditations become prayers of the heart. Silence is a central part of this service and is a gift to those leading busy hectic lives, particularly during the Holiday season.

Taize provides a opportunity to commune with God, bringing a measure of peace to one's mind and spirit, organizers said.

The **International Orphans Foundation** will bring Russian orphans between the ages of 5 and 13 next summer, in the hopes of finding "forever families." Organizers are looking for families to host these children for three weeks next summer... and possibly be their "forever family."

Interested families can learn more about these children and how the program works at a free informational meeting Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. at **Memorial Hall**

Library, 3 Main St. in Elm Square.

To reserve a space for the meeting, contact **Vicky Wu** at 857-234-1057, or vwu@orphansfoundation.org. Participants must RSVP by Friday, Dec. 3.

This program is designed to create "a wonderful American cultural experience" for orphaned children in Russia. Since host families are interacting with the child within the comfort of their own home, and with all family members, this opportunity provides families reassurance in their decision to proceed with adopting their host child.

Organizers say, "There is no commitment to adoption, just a big heart, and a sincere desire to explore that possibility."

The **International Orphans Foundation (IOF)** is a licensed nonprofit that serves as a catalyst for adoption by building families through adoption programs, and fostering a community that supports adoption.

Through partnerships, IOF also provides humanitarian aid to orphanages worldwide.



PHOTO BY DIANE DERBY

The annual lighting of the "smallest tree" will be held on the **Ballardvale Green** on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. Bundle up and join your neighbors and friends for hot drinks, cookies and singing around the tree. Dogs on leashes are welcome. The event is sponsored by the **Ballardvale Historic District Commission**. Master of ceremonies will be **Richard Bowen** (above), a commission member and one of **Ballardvale's** most enthusiastic supporters, organizers said.

BIRTHS

DOUGHERTY - A son, Grady William Dougherty, born to Kelly (Walsh) and Christopher Dougherty on Nov. 10. Grandparents are Bill and Jill Walsh of Andover, and Mary Dougherty of South Berwick, Maine. Grady joins big brother, C. Aidan Dougherty.

HANSEN - A daughter, Abigail Adella Hansen, born to Bridget (Murphy) and David Hansen of Chatham, N.J. on Oct. 13. Grandparents are Wendy Murphy of Andover, Lawrence Murphy of Salem, N.H., and Joann Hansen of Chatham, N.J.

McELLIOTT - A daughter, Brynn Catherine McElligott, born to Stephanie (Chechik) and Steven McElligott of Westford on Nov. 3. Grandparents are Howard and Paula Chechik of North Chelmsford, formerly of Andover, and David and Judith McElligott of Arlington.

BIRTHS ARE PUBLISHED THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

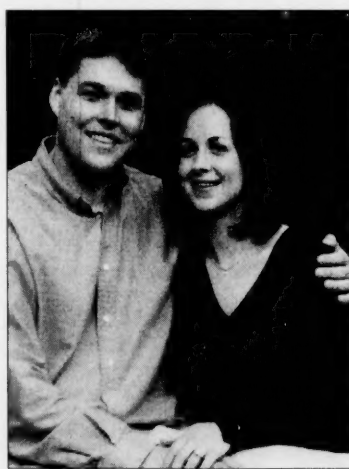
Baur-Matson

John and Laura Baur announce the engagement of their daughter, Elisabeth Lea Baur of Mansfield, to David Charles Matson of Mansfield, son of John and Sally Matson of Andover.

Ms. Baur is a graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Colby College in Waterville, Maine and a master's degree in biochemistry from Thomas Jefferson University. She is currently working towards a doctoral degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine.

Mr. Matson is a graduate of New Canaan High School in New Canaan, Conn. He received a bachelor's degree in international studies from Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He is a market research analyst for Meinrad LP in Newton.

The couple plan a June 25 wedding.



David Matson and Elisabeth Baur

Caniano-Miller

Crispin and Marcia Miller of Newburyport announce the engagement of their son, Douglas Crispin Miller, formerly of Andover, to Barbara Ann Caniano, daughter of Anthony and Rose Caniano.

The couple plan a September 2005 wedding.



Douglas Miller and Barbara Caniano

Witman-Lee

Shannon Elizabeth Lee and Theodore Rhode Witman II were married Oct. 9 at St. Joseph's Church in Andover. The bride, the daughter of Terence and Catherine Lee of Atkinson, N.H., formerly of Andover, was given in marriage by her father. The Rev. Arthur Johnson of Charlotte, N.C. performed the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Sarah Whoriskey and bridesmaids were Jennifer Aylward, Shira Hermosa, Kathryn Lee, Tracy Lee Morin, and Katherine Witman.

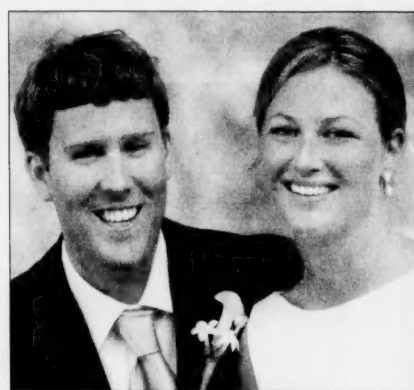
The bride, a 1996 graduate of Andover High School, received her bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and a master's degree from Salem State College. She is presently teaching sixth grade in Medford.

The groom is the son of Theodore and Mary Ellen Witman of Andover.

Best man was Timothy Witman and groomsmen were Ernest Dascoli, Jeffrey Desmond, Matthew McCarthy, Chris Pappas, and Kyle Parsons.

A 1996 graduate of Andover High School, he received a bachelor's degree from Plymouth State University, and is a product developer for New Balance Shoe in Brighton.

The couple live in Andover.



Theodore and Shannon Witman

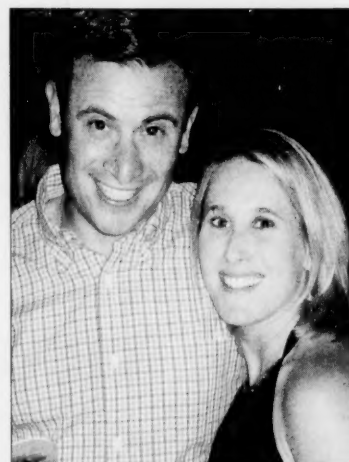
Ellis-Forlizzi

Frank and Harriet Forlizzi Jr. of Andover announce the engagement of their son, Jeffrey Mark Forlizzi of Greenwich, Conn., to Jennifer Lynn Ellis, daughter of Eugene and Karen Ellis of St. Louis, Mo.

Ms. Ellis received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Emory University, and is a member of Psi Chi honors society. She is currently an associate vice president at Tierney Communications.

Mr. Forlizzi is a graduate of Brooks School in North Andover and received a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting from Emory University and a master's degree with honors from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is employed as an analyst at Silver Point Capital Partners, LLC.

The couple plan a June wedding.



Jeffrey Forlizzi and Jennifer Ellis

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17TH ANNUAL FEASTER FIVE ROAD RACE

HERE ARE THE 8K (5-mile) and 5K results, by race, for Andover runners taking part in the 17th annual Feaster Five Road Race, held last Thursday, Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 25.

NOTE: The first time listed (gun time) is the time from the start signal. The other time listed, runners' net time, is based on when runners crossed the start mats. Runners' net time is the official finishing order again this year. The kids 1K race is not scored.

8K RESULTS / ANDOVER ONLY

OVERALL PLACE	GUN TIME	LOCAL RUNNER	NET TIME
5	27:44	DOUG MARTYN	27:44
13	29:19	TODD COLLINS	29:16
14	29:29	PAUL YOUNG	29:28
18	30:06	MIKE ROOS	30:04
25	30:19	FABIO PERGENTILI	30:17
31	30:28	LAURIE WOJCIK	30:21
33	31:08	MARK BARRETT	31:08
41	31:53	FRANK DEBONIS	31:45
43	32:25	ADAM MARGOLIS	31:49
51	32:06	BRAD PECHACEK	32:03
52	32:08	CHARLIE RUSSO	32:09
64	32:22	DAVID WHOLEY	32:26
73	32:58	JOE BENSON	32:50
78	32:59	JERRY WITT	32:58
79	32:58	BRIAN RHODES	32:56
80	33:00	CHRISTOPHER GIARDINA	33:00
81	33:13	EVELYN CARON	33:00
84	33:15	ALEXANDER MCCARGAR	33:06
96	33:53	EVAN TELOW	33:29
101	33:38	ROBERT ACKERMAN	33:35
117	34:02	ANDREW MCINTYRE	33:57
119	34:00	CHRISTINE ANDERSON	34:00
125	34:10	SEAN RILEY	34:06
127	34:06	LISA SOLOMON	34:06
143	35:09	BRIAN HESKINS	34:30
144	35:59	STUART MELNITSKY	34:31
151	34:53	ANDREW CAFFEY	34:41
153	35:38	PAM SHEEHY	34:43
156	35:28	GEORGE WOODWARD	34:44
158	35:11	KATIE FAULKNER	34:45
160	35:07	LISA DOUCET	34:48
175	35:12	MATTHEW HEALY	35:07
182	35:46	ARRYAN BREZINSKI	35:18
183	35:36	CHRIS BAER	35:18
184	35:32	DAVID RIETZ	35:20
185	35:44	ADRIENNE CYRULIK	35:22
186	35:24	DAVID FANKOS	35:22
190	36:05	KEITH ROGERS	35:24
191	35:26	THOMAS CAHILL	35:24
206	37:33	CHARLES BRUNET	35:42
228	37:14	BERNIE SAVORD	36:01
231	40:47	STEPHEN RUSSELL	36:04
254	36:46	TOM SPANG	36:25
255	36:43	MARY DOUVAJIAN	36:26
256	36:33	KAREN GIAGRANDE	36:27
266	37:03	BRENDAN PYTKA	36:36
267	36:45	MICHAEL OLIVERI	36:38
269	36:49	TIMOTHY GILLESPIE	36:41
270	37:06	RON AMIDON	36:41
276	40:20	GREG MILLER	36:47
277	38:14	ALAN GINSBERG	36:47
290	37:38	SCOTT JAMES	36:57
292	37:04	DEANIS REIDY	37:02
302	38:07	DON NORTON	37:09
304	37:40	JONATHAN PYTKA	37:12
309	37:32	JONATHAN PYTKA	37:15
311	37:40	MARC DELCHECCOLO	37:18
315	37:49	CELIA LEWIS	37:18
316	38:13	ALAN CHAMPAGNE	37:22
323	37:49	PHILIP RICHIE	37:29
326	37:50	CHRISTOPHER PATTEN	37:28
335	37:59	PAUL BERNARDIN	37:35
337	38:06	GERRITT SCHICK	37:35
348	38:40	RACHEL HARTMAN	37:40
349	38:22	PHILIP YAHODKIN	37:41
351	38:55	PAUL ELKIND	37:48
353	40:13	DAVE WARTMAN	37:48
355	40:21	JEFFREY WESSLER	37:53
357	38:30	DAVID MILES	37:54
368	38:26	REED VALLEAU	38:01
371	38:23	LEO DALEY	38:05
375	38:44	JULIE KUZO	38:06
382	38:59	PHILIP LITTLE	38:16
385	39:13	TA CHUN KUAN	38:17
400	40:30	JOHN MCGUIGAN	38:25



The start of the 17th annual Feaster Five Road Race on Route 28 in Andover, where 7,000 runners came to race last Thursday, Nov. 25 in the Thanksgiving Day 5K and 8K (5-mile) races.

OVERALL PLACE	GUN TIME	LOCAL RUNNER	NET TIME
407	40:11	RYAN HEAVEY	38:30
416	39:17	MARK SOUTTER	38:36
418	40:21	SHARON WONG	38:38
419	40:12	JAMES PRENTISS	38:39
424	41:34	FRANCIS FANG	38:40
438	38:57	Z KATTAR	38:50
442	39:31	PAUL CASSILY	38:51
446	40:45	BEN VAN DOREN	38:52
452	41:19	JEFFREY VOLINSHI	38:55
461	41:14	MARCY RUDD	39:01
465	39:53	ANNE SULLIVAN	39:02
467	39:59	STUART MELNITSKY	39:02
470	40:59	ALEX CAMPBELL	39:04
471	39:04	AARON GROVER	39:04
475	40:11	THOMAS WALSH	39:05
479	45:59	RICK HEIKKEIN	39:06
480	40:13	JOSEPH J. HAN	39:07
482	46:01	JOHN MAHAN	39:07
484	39:55	RYAN LYNCH	39:09
488	40:12	STEPHEN DANFORTH	39:12
493	40:11	MARYANNE MANOZZI	39:14
496	39:22	DAVID DARGIE	39:15
502	40:02	NICHOLE LITTLE	39:22
506	39:32	CHRISTOPHER DOHERTY	39:20
512	40:01	CHRISTINE COSGROVE	39:26
513	41:51	HEIDI ADLMAN	39:26
514	40:31	LISA BRADSHAW	39:28
516	40:06	KEN SHIFF	39:28
525	40:33	STEPHEN CARPULO	39:35
532	44:42	CARL DIETZ	39:36
543	42:32	ERIC BRAUDE	39:40
545	41:23	MATT WESSLER	39:40
563	39:57	DINA ROUTHIER	39:53
573	40:17	PAUL REPRUCI	39:57
574	41:05	ROB BRAMHALL	40:01
576	40:41	TOM MAGER	40:01
580	48:12	CHRIS BENSLEY	40:03
589	43:41	MARK SPENCER	40:09
597	41:14	KAREN KIM	40:12
599	43:04	ERIN CAIMAN	40:12
602	41:34	JAMES COSGROVE	40:14
616	40:54	NICK VACCARO	40:23
618	41:45	KEVIN OMARA	40:23
619	40:46	JOHN BONESS	40:24
620	42:12	SUE KILEY	40:25
647	45:45	STEPHEN DIETZ	40:41
648	42:34	DAVID GILBERT	40:41
650	41:43	JAMES RADLINSKI	40:41
651	42:22	BRUCE SOROTA	40:41
654	42:06	JUSTIN LEIDER	40:42
655	41:56	PATRICK ROY	40:42
656	42:57	ROBERT DOOLAN	40:43
662	41:29	NANCY LANG	40:46
664	42:22	STEVEN MURRAY	40:46
667	41:03	JULIA RUDD	40:47
668	41:05	PHILIP JOHNSON	40:49
672	42:08	EDIE MULLER	40:51
676	43:19	ROLAND MANOZZI	40:54
681	41:31	DANA MESSINA	40:58
682	42:24	JOHN BOESE	40:59
689	41:38	KEITH WOLLMAN	41:01

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1036	44:13	TONY DIRIENZO	43:54
1037	47:17	GARY RYAN	43:55
1041	47:37	JEANIE SCARPA	43:57
1044	46:36	TARA BRINK	43:58
1048	44:34	CANDACE MAKERN	44:01
1050	45:34	MASON BROWNE	44:03
1056	44:49	PAM DRISCOLL	44:04
1059	44:41	LEON MODESTE	44:04
1075	45:33	BOB RIKEMAN	44:11
1082	46:14	EMILY FARMER	44:15
1085	48:15	AMY LEGERE	44:16
1091	47:22	THOMAS MARJERISON	44:18
1094	44:59	RICHARD BROWN	44:19
1098	47:09	KATY CHABOT	44:20
1102	45:31	NICOLE WINTERS	44:23
1106	45:18	JOHN ZAEDER	44:24
1113	45:29	CAITLIN MURRAY	44:27
1114	45:29	BRIAN GOSSELIN	44:27
1119	45:26	GREG DUNNE	44:29
1130	48:03	DANIELLE HUGGINS	44:32
1140	45:14	TOM BURNS	44:36
1145	46:26	PAUL PENDEROTH	44:39
1148	45:40	CHRIS WHOLEY	44:43
1159	48:44	NICKI SHOEMAKER	44:46
1175	47:16	MARIAH ALA GERO	44:51
1176	46:57	JENN GEORGE	44:52
1183	46:30	JOHN LUGUS	44:55
1184	45:20	STEPHEN JUNGEMANN	44:56
1196	45:08	REBECCA GORDON	45:03
1201	47:04	CHRISTIAN WATERS	45:06
1204	49:12	MASARIO CASTELLANO	45:09
1205	49:33	RACHEL BAIME GIAMMO	45:09
1209	51:19	ALEXA KOKINOS	45:09
1212	46:30	MARK RATTE	45:11
1218	46:38	REID RAYNOR	45:14
1223	45:36	MARILYN FARLEY	45:17
1232	50:04	DOUG ANDERSON	45:21
1250	52:56	NICK KLINE	45:28
1252	47:38	BILL MCQUAIDE	45:27
1254	47:54	SANDRA FERDINADO	45:28
1263	47:58	DANIELLE O'BRIEN	45:34
1268	46:29	PETER PAGLIA	45:37
1274	51:30	JOE PYLO	45:39
1277	51:30	DEBBIE FRIO	45:40
1278	49:49	MINDA REIDY	45:41
1282	46:30	LORI PAGLIA	45:41
1290	46:25	MARILYN CASSILY	45:47
1291	49:50	RIANA FEDERICO	45:48
1295	48:46	RACHEAL O'BRIEN	45:58
1317	48:57	LAUREN SILK	45:58
1322	48:53	LISA FINNERAN	46:02
1324	47:49	DAVID SARRACINO	46:04
1333	48:40	ANTHONY RIZZO	46:07
1353	49:01	CHARLES THOMPSON	46:14
1405	51:38	DEREK BIRD	46:18
1380	49:50	MARK BOULLE	46:28
1383	46:52	JIM KRZYWICKI	46:28
1385	50:13	GRACE DOUGHERTY	46:30
1396	48:03	ROBERT KLEINER	46:36
1398	54:10	JENNIFER GRIFFIN	46:38
1405	47:07	ROBERT NELKEN	46:42
1407	48:49	LAWRENCE JOHNSON	46:44
1409	48:49	PHILIP JOHNSON	46:44
1412	54:18	LISA ONEILL	46:47
1419	47:11	TRICIA GRIFFIN	46:51
1434	53:03	RICHARD HORNIDGE	46:58
1438	51:05	MARCELLO CASTELLANO	47:01
1439	52:05	ELISSA LIM	47:01
1447	48:32	LARRY GINSBERG	47:06
1459	48:44	KATE COSENTINO	47:09
1462	48:44	DAVE COSENTINO	47:09
1463	48:57	RACHEL WESTGATE	47:10
1471	47:55	BRECK ARNSEN	47:16
1473	48:25	PATTY GILLESPIE	47:18
1478	50:22	MARK CALLERY	47:18
1484	48:42	JIM PAULL	47:20
1487	49:46	DEB BUCHHOLZ	47:21
1489	49:35	BETHANY GIVENS	47:21
1498	48:08	ANNE DEVER	47:31
1509	48:08	PATTY LITTLE	47:32
1516	51:41	MARY RIVAS	47:38
1517	47:38	MIKE HART	47:38
1522	52:43	ANTHONY SILVESTRO	47:41
1523	48:42	JAN PIRRO	47:43
1525	48:18	TOM VALLEAU	47:53
1527	50:17	GARY FISCHER	47:54
1562	51:23	JAY LYONS	48:00
1565	49:26	CATHERINE RAYNOR	48:01
1573	49:17	MARIBETH NETISHEN	48:03
1576	49:35	TIM AWISZUS	48:04
1588	51:04	KARA RUSSO	48:10
1594	50:47	JOE HARTNICK	48:11
1595	49:34	DAVID GLANCY	48:13
1599	48:23	NANCY PIERGENTILI	48:13
1600	49:08	MARK POWERS	48:13
1603	49:17	ROBERT GOULD	48:16
1606	49:18	KAREN WILLIAMS	48:18
1613	53:46	TERI HAYNER	48:21
1615	50:19	ED VAN DOREN	48:22
1616	50:19	CAROL VAN DOREN	48:22
1632	52:25	ANNE ODGEN	48:33
1638	50:26	CAROLYN FINLAY	48:39
1642	55:42	ED BRYLCZYK	48:41
1656	49:24	GEORGE ZAHKA	48:46

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1660	50:02	MARK BALDWIN	48:48
1663	49:48	JON IARROBINI	48:50
1667	50:25	ALBERT KANG	48:51
1668	53:57	AMY TWOHIG	48:52
1669	49:47	GENE BRADY	48:52
1685	54:21	CHRISTOPHER MEECH	49:02
1694	56:07	JOSEPH GANEM	49:10
1695	56:07	ANTONIO REGALADO	49:11
1708	50:00	LAUREN HUGHES	49:14
1709	51:19	DEVON MCCARTHR	49:16
1720	51:41	ERIN GROGAN	49:24
1722	50:50	JOEL LEIDER	49:26
1726	51:10	MICHAEL DELCHECCOLO	49:27
1729	50:40	ELENA BIRD	49:29
1731	50:41	JERRY BIRD	49:29
1734	50:08	KEVIN CASSILY	49:32
1736	53:37	CARYN WILSON	49:34
1738	49:35	CLAIRE GIVENS	49:35
1741	53:16	CARL HAYSEN	49:40
1742	55:05	DONNA SILVA	49:41
1746	55:05	CHRISTINE DILLMAN	49:42
1750	56:20	KEVIN GAFFNEY	49:45
1752	51:16	JEFF JORDAN	49:46
1753	53:20	DAVID SPRINGWATER	49:46
1756	50:45	ERIN O'BRIEN	49:48
1763	52:39	LAMBERTO RAFFAELLI	49:51
1768	51:30	TIM GIBSON	49:54
1770	52:05	JOHN CORBETT	49:57
1772	52:05	LEO CORBETT	49:56
1774	52:03	THOMAS POWERS	49:57
1785	50:57	KENNETH TRAUB	50:02
1787	53:55	JOSEPH ZAHKA	50:06
1788	56:10	SHELDON ELZWIGE	50:06
1799	52:02	MOLLY VAN DOREN	50:07
1804	55:08	GERARD DUGHERTY	50:13
1808	55:28	HELEN PALFREYMAN	50:17
1812	52:25	DREW GATH	50:21
1814	56:49	JULIE MAZZOCCHI	50:25
1826	52:47	MICHAEL CORBETT	50:26
1835	51:11	ROBERT BURKE	50:40
1847	52:43	BOB WATERS	50:46
1848	54:05	PAUL DE FERRICO	50:47
1850	54:19	NATALIA FEDERICO	50:47
1863	53:10	MAUREN RIGAZIO	50:59
1872	52:37	MICHAEL ATWOOD	51:08
1882	56:39	MARK BEUCLER	51:19
1896	53:49	KIM ADLMAN	51:20
1900	53:47	JOE ADLMAN	51:21
1900	52:37	LESLIE TROTT	51:22
1914	53:57	RAD BUCHOLD	51:29
1923	56:31	RUSSHA HENEGHAN	51:40
1924	56:31	DENISE NASH	51:41
1929	53:59	KATE DENISON	51:45
1930	52:18	MICHAEL VENETO	51:45
1932	54:25	CRUIK UGOLD	51:47
1934	52:02	SUSAN SIEFER	51:48
1935	54:12	KATIE WARTMAN	51:47
1954	53:05	KELLY MCGOWAN	52:05
1955	59:33	TOOD QUILLEN	52:09
1966	54:20	MICHAEL COLE	52:16
1967	53:00	CHRISTOPHER GIOVANNIELLO	52:19
1968	58:40	COURTNEY SWEENEY	52:19
1970	56:10	KATHY BRADLEY	52:30
1984	55:05	DIANE BARRETT	52:42
1987	57:56	MICHAEL CRAWFORD	52:47
2000	53:52	KELLY DRISCOLL	53:05
2005	55:25	JENNIFER ROGERS BURKE	53:07
2007	56:03	JOHN LANGER	53:45
2030	54:57	TOD GILMORE	53:53
2037	56:03	DON BULENS	54:03
2038	56:03	LYNNE CAPOZZI	54:03
2042	54:50	IAN TAUSCHER	54:53
2046	56:15	DEBORAH MORRILL	54:11
2052	55:05	CHRISTOPHER GIOVANNIELLO	54:20
2052	55:06	JOHN TAUSCHER	54:20
2053	57:01	DAVID HASTINGS	54:23
2054	1:01:49	INGRID QUILLEN	54:25
2067	59:57	TOBY CHILDS	54:45
2088	1:00:00	ANDREW LIM	54:46
2098	59:58	KATIE CHIDS	54:46
2099	59:58	MOLLY CHILDS	54:46
2077	56:02	MOLLY CHILDS	54:46
2082	56:51	COURTNEY PETTIZOLD	55:03
2083	56:51	KAYLEY PETTORIUTO	55:05
2086	57:35	THOMAS JONES	55:07
2089	1:00:49	BETH SHIFF	55:19
2088	57:50	DANYELLE VALLER	55:33
2100	58:41	ALYCE VALLER	55:44
2110	56:31	MICHELLE PIAZZA	55:44
2125	56:01	DANIEL BRYANT	56:32
2127	57:11	CAROLYN DAMPHOUSE	56:45
2132	58:56	SHARON RODRIGUEZ	56:58
2133	58:56	LIDIA RODRIGUEZ	56:59
2136	58:56	SHARON RODRIGUEZ	56:59
2150	58:35	BRIAN HEGARTY	57:43
2153	58:17	MOLLY AWISZUS	57:44
2154	59:28	RENEE ABDOO	58:00
2162	59:16	BILL WISH	58:37
2163	1:00:08	BRIAN ANTONY	58:39
2167	1:00:10	HALEY DIXON	59:11
2168	1:00:10	HALEY DIXON	59:11
2175	1:04:30	MARK DAVALL	1:00:08
2182	1:05:56	PETER MAURITZ	1:00:21
2186	1:01:49	DIANA GOULD	1:00:49

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2198	1:06:17	JANET DUFFY	1:06:43
2202	1:08:34	CARLOS MARTINEZ	1:03:44
2205	1:04:43	PETER JETON	1:03:49
2208	1:05:40	MARYANN COMPARATO	1:05:05
2215	1:06:01	RHONDA GOFF	1:05:56
2216	1:08:55	ANTHONY DEVITO	1:05:56
2217	1:08:55	ANNETTE DEVITO	1:05:56
2219	1:09:45	MIKE LITTLEWOOD	1:06:19
2220	1:09:45	MEG LITTLEWOOD	1:06:19
2221	1:09:45	CHRIS PERRY	1:06:23
2222	1:09:45	DARLENE PERRY	1:06:24
2225	1:13:01	FRED JOSEPH	1:07:05
2230	1:08:58	LOU PIAZZA	1:08:12
2231	1:11:01	CARA ROSEN	1:08:15
2232	1:11:01	MARYLOU GRASSO	1:08:15
2238	1:10:41	CHARLIE CURRAN	1:09:11
2240	1:12:53	EMILY CARTER	1:09:20
2241	1:12:53	STEPHEN CARTER	1:09:20
2242	1:10:45	JERILYN MARJERISON	1:09:22
2247	1:12:38	HILLARY CANNER	1:09:51
2263	1:13:34	BILLY SHAHEEN	1:12:14
2269	1:17:51	MARILEE GOAD	1:14:11
2272	1:15:29	ZAHID ASAR	1:14:43
2273	1:15:29	JIM KRONENWETTER	1:14:44
2274	1:15:30	SALAH WALKER	1:14:47
2276	1:17:55	CHRISTINE BURKE	1:14:58
2277	1:17:55	LUCILLE BENSON	1:15:00
2280	1:17:32	MICHAEL FARIS	1:15:17
2285	1:20:01	ELLIOTT ARONSON	1:16:18
2288	1:20:05	LIZ FLANAGAN	1:16:20
2289	1:22:36	SHERYL DOWERY	1:16:23
2290	1:22:36	PATTY EHLBECK	1:16:23
2293	1:19:55	MARA MURPHY	1:16:49
2294	1:19:59	JUDY SMALL	1:16:52
2297	1:22:58	DAVID JAMISON	1:17:36
2300	1:24:21	LESLIE ARNOLD	1:17:45
2301	1:24:21	KATHY GRIECO	1:17:45
2308	1:21:38	GAIL GRASSO	1:18:51
2309	1:20:52	LINDA HUGHES	1:18:54
2313	1:26:53	READ FLEMING	1:19:18
2318	1:23:07	LISA HUNZELMAN	1:19:57
2319	1:23:08	TAMELA JAMIESON	1:19:59
2320	1:25:28	JULIE CHILDS	1:20:18
2321	1:25:33	TOM CHILDS	1:20:28
2323	1:27:17	BILL SHAHEEN	1:21:21
2326	1:27:19	LINDSAY SHAHEEN	1:21:23
2328	1:27:42	WAYNE ARSENAULT	1:21:44
2332	1:26:13	KRISTIAN DEMASO	1:22:28
2333	1:26:13	GAIL DEMASO	1:22:28
2334	1:22:29	LINDSAY ROSE	1:22:29
2335	1:23:36	STEVEN SAMLER	1:22:38
2336	1:24:16	JEANNE FITZPATRICK	1:23:00
2338	1:28:59	JOANNE REED	1:23:06
2340	1:28:59	MICHAEL REED	1:23:09
2341	1:29:05	MICHAEL REED	1:23:10
2343	1:24:48	LAURA TRIMARCHI	1:23:33
2348	1:25:07	LINDA SAMLER	1:24:10
2349	1:28:53	SONYA JOHNSON	1:24:40
2350	1:25:08	JOANNE LIGHTBOWN	1:25:08
2351	1:31:17	TERESA FERRO	1:25:30
2352	1:31:18	MARLENE FERRO	1:25:31
2353	1:31:19	STACEY ZEILKE	1:25:33
2354	1:26:23	ROSEMARY HOLLAND	1:26:23
2361	1:34:21	LINN ANDERSON	1:27:25
2366	1:32:09	MAIRI MARKS	1:27:56
2367	1:32:10	ROSITA MAEKS-ANDERSON	1:27:56
2370	1:34:54	CAROL BOILEAU	1:28:20
2371	1:34:53	ROBERT BOILEAU	1:29:34
2375	1:35:48	GRAHAM SMITH	1:31:24

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1	16:18	PHIL SHAW	16:18
2	16:43	RYAN DURKIN	16:43
12	18:03	JAMES PRIMES	18:02
15	18:16	ANTON LANNISTON	18:16
32	19:31	PHILIP GALEBACK	19:32
42	20:24	JIMMY MULLER	19:55
43	20:28	SAM NIGH	19:55
44	20:24	WESTON HOWE	19:58
50	20:26	PETER SHAW	20:15
55	20:40	DAVID EASTON	20:28
56	21:08	BANJAMIN OSSOFF	20:32
59	20:36	THOMAS DUDLEY	20:34
62	20:59	STEPHEN HIBINO	20:41
76	21:35	MIKE HANLEY	21:13
78	21:24	JOHN HYSILP	21:13
82	22:38	SHANNON PAT	21:28
85	22:42	JOSHUA ACCOMANDO	21:29
86	22:42	JOSHUA GARDONE	21:30
91	21:54	ERIN JOHNSON	21:41
94	22:28	DEREK SCHWARZ	21:43



Can you hear me now? — Some ran (and talked), some walked, and some rode during the annual Feaster Five Road Race. Those who finished the 5K and 8K races received pies.

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95	23:02	MIKE MURRAY	21:44
97	21:57	STEPHEN STAPCZYNSKI	21:50
100	22:07	BRENDAN CRAWFORD	21:53
103	22:09	TIMOTHY LYMAN	21:58
104	22:32	REBECCA HOWE	22:00
105	22:05	DUNCAN LENNON	22:01
108	22:55	CALDER ZWERLING	22:06
110	22:12	JAMES DOUCETT	22:07
111	22:19	MICHAEL PRIMES	22:07
116	22:25	ALEX DALEY	22:10
117	23:13	WILLIAM GALEBACK	22:12
119	22:25	RYAN COONEY	22:14
120	22:17	JAMES BATTIS	22:17
124	22:35	JENNIFER FEINBERG	22:21
125	23:19	CHAD GRENISS	22:23
129	24:49	JUSTIN KNAPP	22:30
131	23:36	PETER GALEBACK	22:36
133	22:40	EVAN DOUCETT	22:36
135	23:46	BRAID SHERMAN	22:42
136	22:55	MICHAEL CARON	22:43
137	23:47	VINCENT ERICO	22:44
154	23:03	TOMMY DOUCETTE	23:03
155	23:52	IAN DEMPSEY	23:06
156	23:13	BRIAN FEENEY	23:08
160	23:17	STEPHANIE KOBLEF	23:13
161	23:52	EDDIE NOONAN	23:17
163	23:46	JOSH INFANTINE	23:19
168	23:53	KELSEY FARRELL	23:34
169	23:56	CHRISTOPHER GOODWIN	23:34
173	23:57	MATTHEW PERRY	23:42
175	24:15	PETER RUSHTON	23:44
177	24:20	JOHN BIGELOW	23:45
187	24:57	JEFF SAWYER	23:54
192	24:07	JEFF ARNOLD	23:59
195	25:27	NICHOLAS ESPAILLAT	24:00
199	24:18	SHANNON COONEY	24:07
200	24:57	TOM DAVIS	24:08
201	25:09	STEPHEN GALEBACK	24:08
202	25:04	MICHAEL GAUJETTI	24:09
208	24:33	JOHN SKILLING	24:16
212	24:36	MARK HIGGINSBOTTOM	24:20
221	30:00	KAITLYN MAURITZ	24:25
234	26:31	SEAN MCCOILLAN	24:35
240	24:46	COREY GERRIOR	24:39
243	25:14	CHRIS BROULLARD	24:42
244	26:04	ADAM WINIK	24:45
245	26:04	KEITH OHARA	24:46
247	27:53	JOSEPH BENSON	24:49
249	26:09	JEFF SALVESEN	24:51

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251	25:22	JEFF FARMER	24:52
257	25:35	DOUGLAS LEWIS	24:56
264	27:20	JAY SHERMAN	25:01
270	27:00	SIMON VOORHEES	25:07
273	26:05	STEVEN GERSTEIN	25:10
275	26:05	BRAD ELSMORE	25:11
277	25:31	THOMAS HIBINO	25:12
282	27:11	XAVIER GATH	25:15
284	25:57	MATTHEW LENNON	25:15
301	26:33	LAUREN MURRAY	25:27
305	26:47	EVAN GAJ	25:30
308	26:08	ERIC SIMPSON	25:31
308	26:07	BOB O'LEARY	25:32
316	26:35	MICHAEL LEWIS	25:38
321	27:01	DAVID DLESK	25:39
322	25:48	LISA DREW	25:40
325	26:55	INGRID OHARA	25:41
327	29:52	PHILIP GIGORE	25:43
329	26:38	NIGEL WILKINSON	25:45
330	25:59	JESSICA RAGNIO	25:45
331	25:59	JESSICA PRENCIPE	25:45
332	26:26	NICOLE DUDLEY	25:47
333	26:26	FRANK NIGH	25:47
334	26:51	CHRISTOPHER HARTNETT	25:48
345	28:34	NICHOLAS SCHUMACHER	25:54
346	30:37	RAYMOND FORSTER	25:56
351	26:46	KAELEN CRAWFORD	25:57
356	27:04	JONATHAN HILL	26:00
359	27:08	JEFF BEGLEY	26:01
361	26:19	MARK PEREIRA	26:03
362	28:42	CLAYTON ROSS	26:03
365	27:05	JOHN HAMILTON	26:05
366	27:04	SEAN HAMILTON	26:05
367	26:15	BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI	26:05
368	27:04	JAMES HAMILTON	26:05
369	26:51	GERRY CALLAHAN	26:07
374	26:58	ANDREW CUNNINGHAM	26:10
375	27:17	ALEX MARSHALL	26:12
376	27:20	SHARATH NATH	26:12
387	26:17	JOE LOUREIRO	26:17
388	27:14	ROBERT GAUJETTI	26:17
391	27:52	LINDSAY DODGE	26:18
394	28:19	MICHAEL MCCOILLAN	26:21
396	27:07	DALE CUNNINGHAM	26:22
397	27:25	MARK RADLINSKI	26:22
398	27:44	NORA CONLON	26:22
402	28:08	WILLIAM OSSOFF	26:24
404	28:08	WILLIAM HYSILP	26:25
405	28:09	DANIEL OSSOFF	26:27

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409	27:08	ELIZA LEWIS	26:29
414	32:07	NICHOLAS MAURITZ	26:32
417	27:14	ALEX LENNON	26:33
418	28:09	LIZ PALLOTTA	26:34
419	27:23	RANDALL CRAWFORD	26:35
420	27:35	ADAM POIRIER	26:36
422	27:13	GREGORY SPURR	26:36
429	28:51	SUNDAR CHIDAMBARA	26:40
432	29:02	JACKSON RICH	26:42
434	27:45	JOANNE MATTISON	26:42
435	29:02	BRIAN KNAPP	26:42
437	27:31	BILL BREEN	26:44
438	27:50	DAVE WALLER	26:44
439	31:15	ROSS MORGAN	26:47
441	31:27	JESSICA FORSTER	26:48
442	27:50	SCOTT WALLER	26:48
454	27:26	IAN CADILLAC	26:56
455	33:11	MELISSA FOLEY	26:56
458	30:05	HEATHER BROWN	26:57
460	28:25	HUGH CONLON	26:59
464	27:00	D.J. DLESK	27:00
469	29:19	CHUCK HUTZLER	27:03
470	29:19	LISA HUTZLER	27:03
471	27:25	MICHAEL BURNS	27:03
472	29:19	RYAN HUTZLER	27:03
473	29:19	COLIN HUTZLER	27:07
475	27:28	RAE BRONKANT	27:04
476	29:50	MARK BAGGEROER	27:04
477	27:19	ERIN ROGACKI	27:04
478	27:28	MARK BRONKANT	27:04
479	29:08	DAVID GAGNON	27:04
480	29:50	CAITLIN GEARY	27:05
485	28:30	RICHARD ST. JEAN	27:07
488	28:43	JAKE DELANEY	27:07
504	27:23	STACY GILLIS	27:15
508	29:13	HARRY VOORHEES	27:18
510	27:31	PHILIP SULLIVAN	27:20
513	28:58	MOLLY HOKKE	27:20
516	28:58	KEVIN CUFF	27:21
527	30:51	DOUGLAS COYLE	27:26
528	30:23	BOBBY BARRY	27:26
530	27:38	MICHAEL COOK	27:27
538	28:20	JENNIFER GIARDINA	27:29
541	30:30	DAVID FLYNN	27:30
545	35:48	ANDREW WAIT	27:32
548	27:58	RYAN WARD	27:35
551	28:14	BRIAN SPURR	27:37
558	32:34	BETH HILL	27:41
560	28:38	CHRISTOPHER VROUTAS	27:42

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561	28:35	MARIA ROCKWELL	27:42
565	30:16	JILLIAN QUINN	27:42
573	31:02	PATRICK MCGINN	27:45
577	28:47	JAN DEMOOR	27:48
582	28:42	BRIAN BANKS	27:50
583	28:24	PAUL MUZZEY	27:50
586	30:02	MATTHEW HURCHIK	27:52
593	28:10	NICHOLAS DREW	27:55
594	31:54	SEAN BROGAN	27:55
602	32:04	MATTHEW REIDY	28:00
604	30:58	WENDY BARRY	28:01
606	28:54	ELI KASPER	28:01
609	28:11	NORMA KING	28:01
613	28:45	SUSAN CURTIS	28:03
619	28:58	TIMOTHY DEMPSEY	28:04
620	30:01	FREDDIE SCRIBNER	28:05
621	28:47	RENEE DUDLEY	28:05
622	28:51	RYAN WALKER	28:05
625	28:25	ALAN HIBINO	28:06
631	31:31	LEN FARRIS	28:09
633	30:06	KEVIN HEINRICH	28:09
643	34:08	ROBERT MOELLER	28:13
644	31:29	ERIK SHAUGHNESSY	28:13
645	31:22	JESSIE LEIDER	28:13
648	31:10	LINDSAY HEGARTY	28:14
650	30:38	JOSEPH KORAL	28:14
657	28:28	KEVIN CALABRO	28:17
658	28:39	SAM GERBER	28:17
661	28:16	JOHN FARRELL	28:18
664	28:40	LEONARD GREENE	28:18
667	28:39	ADAM BELL	28:18
667	28:30	MADELINE TUCKER	28:19
668	29:03	EMILY BLECH	28:19
669	31:39	MARK ZAVIL	28:19
670	29:17	HELENE GWIZDAK	28:19
683	32:50	LINDA STERN	28:23
685	29:39	EVAN COOPER	28:23
686	34:10	ROBERT MOELLER	28:25
698	31:39	JULIA CAFFEY	28:27
719	34:29	K. CALLISON	28:39
721	29:24	JAKE MATTISON	28:40
722	32:09	JEFF BAKKENSER	28:40
729	29:15	BRUNO ZANOTTI	28:43
733	30:57	DAVID GOEBES	28:44
742	32:48	ABRIEL MONTEN	28:44
743	33:02	RON RAPPEL	28:47
745	30:27	CYNTHIA MARTINI	28:49
751	31:12	KATLYN CONWAY	28:54
761	29:46	ELKE CRAWFORD	28:58
762	30:26	KURT RING	28:59
769	30:50	JOHN DENISON	29:03
770	30:47	ANDREW CORVOS	29:03
783	30:32	PAUL ORDAN	29:09
784	33:26	BRITTANY BIRRELL	29:09
786	31:02	ELIZABETH GILBERT	29:09
787	32:58	KRISTIN ELSMORE	29:10
789	31:42	COD OHLENBUSCH	29:10
791	34:56	MATTHEW PRESTON	29:12
801	31:47	ANDREW CORVOS	29:15
802	31:33	SARAH LINNEMANN	29:17
803	33:13	LAUREN BARRY	29:17
811	30:33	DAVID DANIELS	29:21
813	30:34	RAY DANIELS	29:21
820	31:53	COURTNEY MARINO	29:26
832	31:39	DAVID GILKIE	29:26
834	32:19	JESSIE RUFF	29:28
825	30:02	MAGGIE COSGROVE	29:28
832	29:52	LORI GERBER	29:31
834	32:19	JAMES DREW	29:31
837	34:16	PETER GAROFOLI	29:32
839	32:26	RICHARD FOX	29:32
842	32:26	MICHELE FOX	29:32
849	32:09	ROB WHITTY	29:33
844	32:03	EMILY PALLOTTA	29:34
846	32:48	BOB WHIRTY	29:34
856	31:16	FRIZ GORZELA	29:36
859	29:59	LAURA SHIPLEY	29:38
863	30:05	NATALIE SOUSA	29:39
865	29:40	ALIA HASTINGS	29:40
871	29:51	SAMANTHA ARNOLD	29:44
877	31:29	WILLIAM CHAND	29:44
874	31:21	KERRY HAUGH	29:44
877	30:12	FRANK BOMBA	29:45
878	32:15	SARAH DOUCETT	29:45
880	32:20	CORT WADMAN	29:46
881	34:48	JULIE ZANNONI	29:46
882	34:44	SUSAN BOMBA	29:47
884	32:23	WILLIAM CHOWAN	29:47
884	34:49	KEN ZANNONI	29:47
886	31:43	MATTHEW CHENEY	29:47
886	30:29	JOHN RILEY	29:47
890	31:44	STEVE MARLEY	29:48
916	33:55	KERRY GAIL	29:59
929	30:17	GEORGE FLANISAN	30:02
932	30:30	RICHARD PRIDSON	30:02
937	31:33	ASHLEY SUSAN HELLER	30:06
939	31:31	JIM O'NEILL	30:06
943	32:12	BETSY MURPHY	30:07
948	37:10	CONNOR O'NEILL	30:08
950	30:20	JOANNE TRAYERS	30:09
954	31:46	COLLEEN HAUGH	30:12
956	33:21	LYNNE BELL	30:14
957	30:40	EDIE SCIABARRASI	30:14

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961	32:59	BRUCE FARMER	30:15
962	30:21	DOUGLAS GORDON	30:15
967	30:07	STEVEN PERRONE	30:17
968	30:29	TOM SHANNON	30:17
977	30:07	JOHN OSTING	30:23
989	30:31	TARA BENSON	30:26
990	30:30	DOUGLAS BENSON	30:27
991	30:42	MAURA RYAN	30:27
993	30:57	LORI PADOVA	30:27
997	31:29	DAVID METZEMAKES	30:30
998	30:50	JAMES DELANEY	30:30
999	30:42	JENNY CARON	30:30
1000	30:21	JESSIE SHIELDS	30:30
1002	31:36	SANDI FEENEY	30:30
1004	30:38	MATT MURRAY	30:31
1010	31:33	BRIAN GEORGE	30:33
1014	31:31	TOM FLANNERY	30:34
1015	30:51	PETER SMITH	30:34
1016	30:38	RICK HYSUP	30:35
1018	30:59	KIM MOCCIA	30:36
1019	31:00	COURTNEY McDONALD	30:37
1020	30:49	HENRY WRIGLEY	30:37
1021	30:48	MICHELLE CLARK	30:38
1025	30:52	WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY	30:39
1028	30:55	KRISTIN WALSH	30:40
1036	30:24	CHERYL JOYCE	30:44
1038	30:21	KENNETH COOPER	30:44
1038	30:23	LAURA WINIK	30:46
1047	30:47	PAUL RUSSO	30:49
1050	30:49	SUSAN RUSSO	30:50
1060	31:23	JAMES SCABARRASI	30:53
1063	30:31	SHAWN NOONAN	30:55
1068	30:35	LIZ SHERMAN	30:57
1069	30:48	JOHN PERRONE	30:57
1071	31:26	STEPHEN PYTKA	30:58
1072	31:28	TIM JAVENEY	30:58
1075	30:53	DANIEL GUSOVSKY	31:00
1083	31:15	ANDREW LYMAN	31:03
1085	31:18	DANIEL LYMAN	31:04
1095	30:32	MARTHA MCQUAIDE	31:07
1097	30:54	MARK LATINA	31:07
1099	30:48	JACLYN FORSTER	31:08
1103	30:53	SHEILA DALY	31:12
1108	30:43	LAURIE HYDRON	31:13
1115	31:15	SHANE MARSHALL	31:15
1124	30:21	JUDITH HOWE	31:18
1127	30:51	MARY FINN	31:21
1130	30:51	KIMBERLY MUSTO	31:21
1144	30:27	STEPHEN WICKERS	31:27
1147	30:49	KEVIN GARNNEY	31:30
1150	30:38	MARY KAE MARINAC	31:32
1161	30:58	TOMMY FUERTS	31:34
1162	30:43	KEVIN REID	31:35
1164	30:45	MELISSA SHELTER	31:37
1169	30:29	JOYCE KREKORIAN	31:40
1171	30:29	ELISE KREKORIAN	31:40
1178	30:39	BRUCE CAREY	31:41
1179	30:46	CORY ANTONAKOS	31:41
1187	30:46	LISABETH WILLEY	31:43
1188	30:47	LAURIE WILLEY	31:43
1193	30:37	JEFF ELSMORE	31:44
1199	30:36	RENEE HAMILTON	31:46
1203	30:16	JOHN CONSTANTINE	31:46
1207	30:30	JANE BATTIS	31:48
1210	30:40	HANNAH HOERNER	31:50
1218	30:58	COLLEEN MAHER	31:53
1219	31:53	ERICA WRIGHT	31:53
1220	30:20	CHRISTIE NIGH	31:54
1223	30:47	EDWARD TROY	31:54
1224	30:00	CAROLINE WADMAN	31:55
1236	30:18	MARGOT RYAN	31:58
1238	30:25	AL LUTTAM	31:59
1240	30:30	KRISTIN FERRO	31:59
1241	30:27	CAITLIN MARINO	32:00
1243	30:17	MICHELLE DOUCETTE	32:00
1249	30:55	CHRIS RANWELL	32:03
1252	30:46	SAMUEL DEMPSEY	32:05
1253	30:18	COLLEEN WATROUS	32:06
1254	30:34	ANDREW SOUSA	32:06
1265	30:52	VICTORIA DOUGHERTY	32:10
1269	30:53	EMILY SHIELDS	32:11
1272	30:57	PAULINE VISCOSI	32:12
1275	30:58	GLEN KAUFMAN	32:13
1279	30:29	ANDREW OSBOURNE	32:13
1287	30:31	BECKY CAIRNS	32:16
1290	30:13	JOHN WHITE	32:17
1291	30:13	PATRICIA BATESON	32:17
1295	30:23	ELIZABETH KYLE	32:17
1296	30:23	AL KYLE	32:17
1299	30:23	ELIZABETH BROWN	32:18
1303	30:33	SAMIRA FARBOODMANESH	32:19
1305	30:32	HAWWAH OSBOURNE	32:19
1309	30:33	JOSEPH OSBOURNE	32:20
1312	30:49	PATTY COLLINS	32:21
1313	30:29	EMILY SCOBLE	32:21
1315	30:30	PEGGY GRISZKA	32:22
1324	30:29	BRETT KREKORIAN	32:26
1330	30:13	PAMELA PRESTON	32:30
1333	30:51	SCOTTIE CAMPBELL	32:32



Every dog had its day on Thanksgiving, if they were part of the Feaster Five festivities, that is. Fran Eiseman ran with her dogs Greta, Jillian, Kiwi and Lita. Dog owners started out on the course at the "back of the pack," after runners and walkers began the race.

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1335	30:54	KENT CAMPBELL	32:32
1336	30:00	REBECCA DAMPHOUSE	32:32
1340	30:32	ROLAND HEINRICH	32:33
1345	31:17	MARYROSE FORSTER	32:34
1348	30:59	MARY LABRIE	32:34
1351	30:38	MEREDITH BIRD	32:35
1352	30:42	KYLE CONLON	32:37
1355	30:36	BILL GARD	32:37
1357	30:21	CYNTHIA FORSTER	32:40
1371	30:23	MATHEW BOURGEOIS	32:43
1372	30:23	WHITNEY BOURGEOIS	32:44
1377	30:10	ERIN EAGEN	32:46
1380	30:46	KATHERINE DLESK	32:47
1381	30:46	JENNIFER DLESK	32:47
1382	30:42	MARTHA HYSUP	32:48
1385	30:11	LISA TYLUS	32:49
1389	30:05	MICHAEL GALATIS	32:50
1392	30:51	ALLISON GILDERSLLEEVE	32:52
1393	30:51	JOEL BACH	32:52
1397	30:19	WAYNE WIVELL	32:53
1399	30:19	BRIAN WIVELL	32:53
1402	30:49	FABIAN GUSOVSKY	32:56
1405	30:28	WILLIAM HACKETT	32:56
1407	30:27	ELISE CAFFEY	32:57
1421	30:35	RACHEL MATTISON	33:03
1423	30:35	ALYSSA SOLOMON	33:03
1425	30:21	OLIMPIO DEMARCO	33:04
1427	30:06	JOHN BROCKELMAN	33:05
1428	30:05	MARYELLEN ABRELL	33:05
1429	30:03	KATHLEEN IANNICELLI	33:05
1431	30:24	ANDREA DEYERMOND	33:06
1434	30:24	BRIDGET MANNION	33:07
1436	30:00	PAUL MAUE	33:07
1439	30:54	JENNIFER QUINBACH	33:07
1439	30:08	THERESA BROCKELMAN	33:07
1441	30:24	MIKE MANNION	33:07
1442	30:38	JIM HAUGH	33:08
1445	30:36	ANDREW GAETANO	33:08
1447	30:52	AMANDA FANTINI	33:09
1448	30:08	PHILIP DI CACATO	33:09
1450	30:02	JORDAN MAUE	33:09
1452	30:25	DEAN VOYER	33:10
1460	30:14	JOHN SABA	33:13
1461	30:39	NICHOLAS PRICE	33:13
1463	30:49	ANNE KUJAN	33:14
1464	30:39	DANIEL PRICE	33:14
1467	30:49	ROBERT QUINN	33:14
1468	30:42	NIKE ROWE	33:14
1474	30:42	LYDIA PUSTELL	33:16
1482	30:32	JULIA HSIA	33:19
1485	30:04	ELENE VISCOSI	33:19
1490	30:32	JOHN VINICE	33:20
1491	30:15	CHERYL BRUCATO	33:20
1494	30:31	ANNETTE WILKINSON	33:21
1506	30:22	GREG CALABRO	33:28
1522	30:33	ANDREW BROWN	33:33
1523	30:34	JANIS WRIGHT	33:34
1524	30:22	AMANDA McDONALD	33:42
1525	30:23	DONNA RICCIARDELLI	33:35
1530	30:26	BILL MURPHY	33:38
1532	30:26	SHANNON MURPHY	33:40
1534	30:24	KELSEY HEAVEY	33:40
1536	30:28	LIAM DOHERTY	33:40
1543	30:58	SHANNA FOLEY	33:42
1545	30:54	DAVE BUKA	33:43
1547	30:42	LEONARD GETTY	33:44
1550	30:36	PETER HILL	33:44
1552	30:13	JUSTIN HAYMER	33:46
1556	40:03	MARY FOLEY	33:47

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1824	38:25	KATHERINE ILOWIECKI	35:37	2150	44:24	DANIEL BEDER	38:55
1828	37:31	DANIEL GILBERT	35:39	2151	40:04	RAYMOND PARVIN	38:56
1831	38:51	MEAGHAN FAYE	35:40	2152	40:03	TREVOR PARVIN	38:57
1836	37:35	ANNIE GILBERT	35:43	2160	36:59	NATHAN BRUCE	39:00
1841	38:27	CAROL SCHUH	35:45	2161	43:50	SYDNEY GRIFFIN	39:02
1842	37:26	TOM MAHER	35:45	2183	43:49	KALEY RICCIARDELLI	39:02
1844	38:49	JOHN DWIGHT	35:46	2164	43:50	DEIRDRE DONOHUE	39:02
1847	41:48	MICHELLE CALABRO	35:46	2165	43:56	ELIZABETH DONOHUE	39:02
1848	41:45	BARBARA GEORGE	35:46	2166	43:50	SARAH GILLS	39:03
1851	35:48	JOHN WAIT	35:48	2170	44:49	LINDA ANTONIOLO	39:03
1852	38:11	A N OTHER	35:49	2182	41:28	WILLIAM PARK	39:19
1868	40:28	ALMA PECHACEK	35:56	2180	41:09	BLAIR HEAVY	39:19
1879	39:57	MAGGIE GORMAN	36:01	2182	42:55	CHRISTOPHER GERRIOR	39:20
1884	39:58	JOHN GORMAN	36:02	2183	41:45	TRACY KORAL	39:21
1885	39:16	PETER MCGINN	36:02	2182	41:12	MICHAEL GILLIS	39:23
1890	37:27	ALLY JOYCE	36:05	2191	40:00	MEGHAN BLOWMAN	39:23
1891	37:14	CHRISTINE VISPOLI	36:06	2196	44:10	JULIA ROZOPOLOS	39:32
1894	37:14	COLLEEN VISPOLI	36:09	2192	45:53	ANDREA PEREIRA	39:33
1896	40:13	BRIAN GILFISH	36:11	2196	40:09	MARIE WARD	39:36
1901	36:55	HENRY EWING	36:13	2197	44:02	AMY RICHARDSON	39:38
1909	37:02	LAURA EWING	36:20	2198	44:38	CHRISTEN STUMPF	39:38
1911	39:06	DAVID SCHUH	36:23	2206	43:11	JAMIE JAMES	39:43
1915	43:41	BARBIE VOYER	36:27	2207	40:12	ROBERT DREW	39:45
1922	41:29	CYNTHIA DEBIE	36:29	2210	41:12	REID CAMPBELL	39:47
1926	36:34	JESSICA MERRILL	36:34	2211	41:32	RACHEL TROTTER	39:48
1929	36:41	BRENDAN MAHONEY	36:38	2212	41:09	ANDREW MESNICK	39:49
1932	40:21	CAROLINE LEED	36:41	2217	42:36	KRISTINE SVENSON	39:54
1935	41:34	KRISTY MARSH	36:42	2218	41:16	LESLIE TAYLOR	39:55
1940	40:00	REBECCA HELLMANN	36:45	2222	45:05	CAMERON DIBB	39:55
1949	40:00	DARLENE KNAPP	36:46	2223	45:28	MAT JODIN	39:55
1944	39:16	KELLY ODEA	36:46	2224	45:28	CHRIS JODIN	39:55
1947	41:28	STEVEN LEED	36:48	2229	46:35	NOAH EPSTEIN	40:03
1952	37:36	CHRISTINE LEWIS	36:50	2237	45:02	BOB PARK	40:11
1953	41:18	JAKE GOLAN	36:51	2238	45:02	JESSIE PARK	40:12
1954	41:19	DAVID GOLAN	36:53	2241	45:55	TRACEY MEECH	40:13
1959	40:10	CONNOR GAFFNEY	36:53	2253	45:56	JILLANE PEHRSON	40:32
1960	43:13	CHARLES GAFFNEY	36:56	2254	45:58	SANDRA KENDAL	40:34
1966	42:32	JEFFREY PERRONE	37:00	2255	45:59	MARC PEHRSON	40:36
1971	37:48	CHRIS SICKLER	37:03	2256	45:53	MARGARET BLOWMAN	40:35
1982	41:28	JOE SULLIVAN	37:06	2257	45:50	GARY GUSTEIN	40:36
1984	41:44	ED KUTCHIN	37:07	2258	42:01	DAVID HOLZMAN	40:36
1986	41:46	JULIE KUTCHIN	37:08	2269	44:30	PATTY BARRETT	40:46
1998	42:01	ALISHA BOURNE	37:17	2281	43:33	CAROLINE CURTIN	41:01
2000	40:07	KAREN SULLIVAN	37:18	2282	43:35	PATTI CURTIN	41:02
2004	43:13	SHAWN BURKE	37:24	2284	43:31	NORMAN POST	41:06
2005	41:12	KERRY O'CONNOR	37:24	2287	47:56	KATE MARGOLESE	41:11
2008	43:48	ROBERT SCHREIBER	37:24	2287	45:55	RACHEL MARGOLESE	41:11
2007	41:53	LORA MORAN	37:24	2288	47:57	JOEL MARGOLESE	41:11
2008	43:49	ISAC SCHREIBER	37:24	2290	48:02	HARRISON AMEY	41:13
2009	42:57	CAROLYN JODIN	37:25	2294	48:15	HANAFOU AWEIN	41:16
2012	39:57	JAY HARTIGAN	37:26	2296	47:32	GLENY POST	41:20
2013	39:57	JACK HARTIGAN	37:27	2299	45:36	MARY DESMET	41:24
2014	42:57	LILY RUCCIA	37:27	2305	44:48	STEVE TYNER	41:29
2015	39:23	DEBORAH LANG	37:28	2310	41:55	RACHEL WETMORE	41:34
2017	39:23	ELEANOR LANG	37:29	2313	48:33	JACK MAHAN	41:39
2020	38:43	WILLIAM EIKENBERRY	37:30	2315	42:25	MARY ELLEN SPARROW	41:39
2022	38:44	LYNN EIKENBERRY	37:30	2317	45:26	NORMAN POST	41:40
2026	41:19	STEVE KNAPP	37:30	2319	46:18	CHERYL ARBIA	41:42
2030	41:19	DEBBIE GAGNON	37:38	2320	43:32	TAMMY SCIASCIA	41:45
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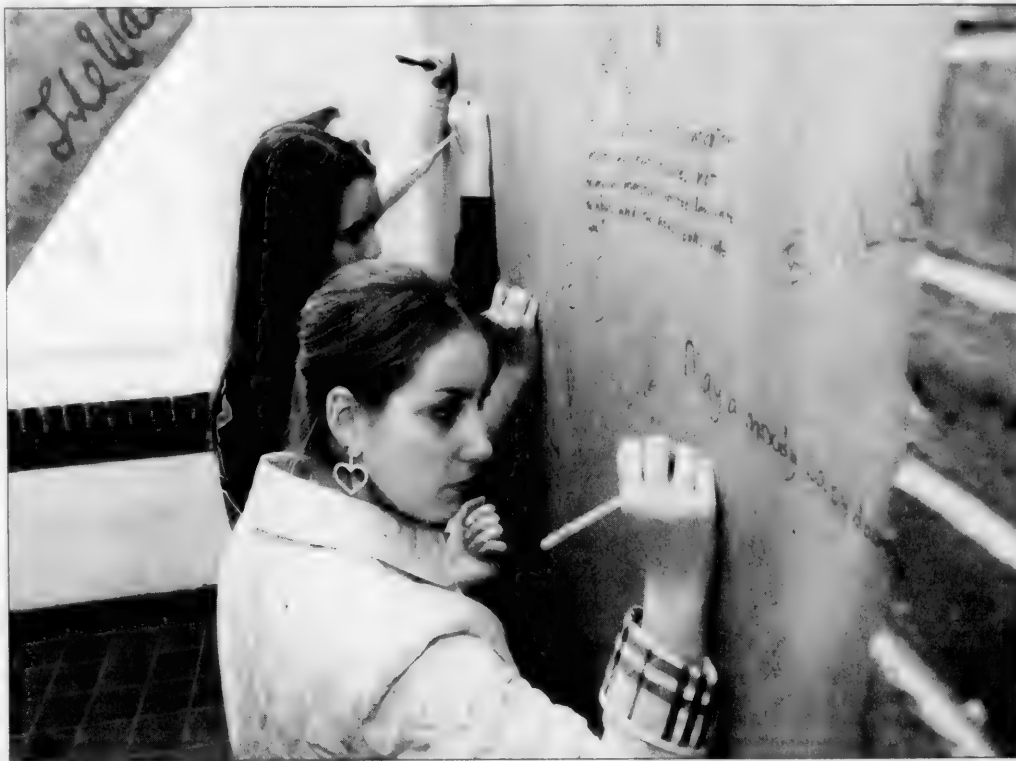
Tough decisions, new thinking

JUST AS PARENT ORGANIZATIONS have bolstered Andover education by paying for extra school programs, the residents in the Andover Youth Foundation said this week they will raise money to help the town's youth services department. Members of a downtown business group will pay to provide holiday lights for the downtown. The lights are expected to be switched on this weekend. Such efforts are this week's examples of town residents and businesses stepping forward to offer a little extra for the town.

As Andover begins its budget review, the challenge for town workers and elected officials at all levels will be to see what they can do differently and better, to offer a better value to residents. The most important decisions will take place at the negotiating table, as most of the \$114 million budget is made up of costs related to salaries and benefits. Workers who come forward with fresh ideas should be lauded.

Town residents have often shown a willingness to open their wallets when they see a worthwhile product and appropriate effort. At Special Town Meeting this year, they also made it clear that doesn't mean their collective wallet is bottomless.

WALL OF PAPER



The Fonts & Art Club of Andover High School has created "The Wall," a place where students can draw and write messages on a paper wall. One side of the wall says "draw here..." The other side says, "write here." Above, at work, are (from front to back) Laura Manfredi, Liz Zigmont, and (almost totally hidden from view) Hannah Korba and Summer Key.

LETTERS

Web question

Ads and churches:

A match made in heaven?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: A selectmen's vote means the average resident's taxes will increase by about \$240 this year, while commercial businesses see a \$100 decrease and industrial businesses go down \$200. Is this a fair move by the board?

- 34 people voted.
- 5, or 15 percent, said, "It's residents who vote in favor of funds for services such as youth programs and schools. Its only fair for them to foot the bill for their own quality-of-life improvements."
- 2, or 6 percent, said, "Businesses hire locals and attract more revenue into the town. We shouldn't drive them away by sticking them with higher taxes for homeowners' needs."
- 20, or 59 percent, said, "If taxes go up, everyone should share the burden. Businesses 'live' in town too."
- 7, or 21 percent, said, "If anyone has to pay more it should be businesses. They can afford it more than the average homeowner."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question: **Do you think churches will attract more members by using television commercials to market their beliefs?**

- Yes. Being able to see where the church stands on controversial issues right away would help people decide which parish is right for them.
- Yes. The commercials seem like an inviting introduction to the church, making it appear less stuffy.
- No. God is not a marketing tool. These commercials make a mockery out of worship.
- No. People already know the differences between various religious denominations. I don't think these commercials will have an effect either way.
- Other.

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As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

Church and politics Marriage is a sacrament

Editor, *Townsman*:

Your opinion column ("Another turned away," Nov. 25) directs unfair criticism toward St. Augustine Parish for not allowing Diane Espindle to teach in its CCD program because of her support for gay marriage. Espindle regrets not being able to guide her students toward the sacrament of confirmation, pointing out she draws a line between her religious and political views. Both of you seem to be missing the point that marriage is a sacrament. I believe the Catholic Church is entirely justified in its insistence that CCD teachers conform to the Church's teachings.

The Catholic Church is not guilty of crossing the line between church and state. The state is crossing the line when it tries to redefine marriage.

In your closing paragraph, you seem to be rooting for Catholics to rebel against the Church to force tolerance for opposing opinions. I sincerely hope that this does not come to pass. The day the Church compromises its principles to accommodate the preferences of its members is the day that it ceases being a church.

Dale Gillette
4 High Vale Lane

Witch hunt?

Editor, *Townsman*:

If Barbara L'Italien was using her pastoral position to promote her political agenda, then the Rev. William Cleary of St. Augustine could perhaps justify his action. This is not the case. She is contributing in a positive way to the life of the church.

If Cleary is to pursue this policy, logic would suggest that he interview all the people who have pastoral positions (which must run close to a couple of hundred, school included) and one wonders how many will be left in their pastoral positions.

It appears Cleary is pursuing a witch hunt against a woman who has contributed selflessly to the children of the church and community. We should be thankful for such a member. Do you think for one moment that the children have any idea or notion of indeed care what L'Italien's political views are? Her presence in the church does not mean that the church vindicates her political views. St. Augustine should embrace all who are contributing so positively to church life and celebration.

Martina Francis-Woulfe
520 Dale St.
North Andover
(The writer is a parent of St. Augustine School student.)

Marasco: Pastor is supporting Church teachings

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am responding to Gerry and Mary Jo Gustus' letter last week in the *Andover Townsman*. Gerry Gustus is sadly in the habit of writing nonsense. I expected his often mean-spirited letters about me during the election, ignoring them as typical Democrat tactics sanctioned by Barbara L'Italien, but this time he's gone too far. The election is over; and yet this is all too reminiscent of the inability of liberal Democrats to defend what they believe. It's all predictable and tiresome.

Let me start with the truth. Contrary to the Gustuses' recollections, I did not hand out a "pamphlet." On the Sunday before the election, we stood on the public sidewalk and offered people leaving St. Augustine a half-page copy of a candidate profile prepared by CatholicVote.org. I wore a campaign button and disclosed what we were distributing on our own, and parishioners (including Gustus) were free to take the

"I would like to see a uniform policy that encourages only those who fully embrace Catholicism to volunteer for leadership roles within the Church."

piece of paper or not. The basic profile listed my positions as well as those of his candidate, L'Italien, and was previously published in our Catholic paper *The Pilot*. No one was singled out; no one was endorsed; our views were listed side by side for parishioners to exercise their own judgments. L'Italien had many "no responses," which is a tactic of its own. During the election and outside of the Church, I publicly opposed L'Italien's support of gay marriage and higher taxes. If that race caused more people within and outside of the Church to consider all the views of those who

seek public office, it did on its own.

I held back my public comment on this issue for two reasons: 1) this isn't about me, either as a former candidate or as someone who sings in the choir, and 2) resolution of this matter is best exhausted through the Church hierarchy and not through the media. The failure of the Gustuses to distinguish between my singing in a group from the choir loft in the back of the Church and L'Italien's leading the congregation from the altar does not further reasonable discussion. His comparison of my support of the death penalty for the most heinous crimes (such as terrorism) to L'Italien's support for abortion is unfounded. According to the Catholic Catechism on the death penalty "[l]egitimate public authority has the right and duty to inflict penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime. The primary scope of the penalty is to redress the disorder caused by

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On taxes, time for town to do less, and to do it better

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am sure that many of us have different perspectives on what happened at Special Town Meeting, and what it means for us in the future. Personally speaking, my hope is that this is a turning point in our history, with us shifting from an old focus on growth to a new focus on providing value to the people who live in Andover.

My wife and I have lived here now for 26 years, and hope to live here much longer. There have been many changes over the years, but always with the theme that growth is good. This has been one factor in more people living and working in Andover, more people working for the town of Andover, and every year being asked to approve budgets and taxes that are always bigger.

It seems to me that at some point it will no longer be in our best interest to have more and more growth. I can easily imagine that if we grow 10 percent a

year, it will not be long before we will end up with a town that we no longer appreciate. This would give us a town with a population three times what we have today, in just 12 more years.

So I would like to see us have a new focus, other than growth. I would like to see us have a new focus on providing a high level of value to the townspeople.

What do I mean by value? Value is basically what you get divided by what it costs you. What this means is that we should focus on trying to have residents feel like they get a very high level of services from the town, for a very low cost. It means having a dialogue on what town services the townspeople really value. It means doing the right things, but also being efficient and effective in how we spend our money. It probably means budgets that are lower and lower each year, as we cut out services and programs that have very little or no

benefit to the townspeople. It means streamlining our town processes, and bringing in projects ahead of schedule and under cost. It means smaller town buildings rather than larger town buildings. It means not wasting money or supporting practices that are exorbitant. It probably means doing less, rather than more. And it means having tax bills that either stay the same or go down, as we continually become more efficient at providing highly valued services.

This might not sound feasible, but I will point out that this happens almost every day in many businesses, some of which are located right here in Andover. This is what we do. Someone might say that this happens only in the business sector, and that town governments have not figured out how to do this.

Well, they should start.

David Sand
17 Abbot St.

Giving teachers more money 'a matter of respect'

Editor, *Townsman*:

It seems that some things never change - the attempt by the School Committee to mitigate the teachers' contribution to the school district and its children. They say that the teachers do not work as hard as they should. The only way teachers' deserve salary increases are if they take on additional responsibilities. There is no way the district can afford the teachers' raises, otherwise. Of course, the School Committee states that they did not even budget for any raises. Is this bargaining in good faith? Teachers are also asked to forfeit long-held insurance coverage to support the increases. All of this is hard to swallow in light of the School Committee giving the superintendent and assistant superintendent raises and bonuses no less. Not to mention they're proposing the addition of a new elementary

administrative assistant. Essentially, the teachers' are asked to take on additional responsibilities and not be compensated for the work. It is as if the teachers are a charity.

It really seems to be a momentous time in the town of Andover for citizens to prove that education is truly prized in Andover. It really comes down to a matter of respect.

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LETTERS

Praise L'Italien, remember history

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I applaud Barbara L'Italien for resisting the pressure to stop doing what she does so well — represent her constituents — and instead do something quite different — represent the teachings of the Catholic Church. Members of her "parish family" who would have her public life be on message from the chancery are perhaps unaware of Catholic candidates' long struggle in this country to be accepted by a skeptical electorate.

The notion that a Catholic candidate could put the public interest above the church's interests has been a hard sell that's taken decades to make. The vanguard of Catholic immigrants was persecuted Protestants who characterized "papists" as priest-ridden victims of church-based thought control who should not be allowed to vote, never mind hold office.

Al Smith, the first serious Catholic candidate for president, was unable to overcome the assumption that if he won the election of 1928, the Church of Rome would set up shop on Pennsylvania Avenue. A popular joke had it that the day after his crushing defeat, Smith cabled the pope: "Unpack."

As late as the election of 1960, JFK was compelled to spend many of his well-chosen words persuading voters that while his faith might inform his decisions, it would not dictate them. In a remarkable swing of the pendulum, much of the religion-based opposition to John

Kerry came not from non-Catholics who believed that he would govern according to the church's precepts, but from conservative Catholics who believed he wouldn't.

For conservatives who would unload the church's heavy baggage on their co-religionists in public service, Al Smith and countless other failed Catholic candidates might have a word of warning: The model you are looking for is theocracy — mixing religion with representative democracy doesn't work.

Consider Mitt Romney's campaign for governor. It might have ended very differently if the electorate suspected that the candidate, a devout Mormon, would shut down coffeehouses and clubs. And what if voters come to believe that Catholic representatives will automatically oppose divorce, birth control, full funding for public education, and the death penalty, not to mention a woman's right to choose? Catholic candidates might well find themselves again confronting, with considerable difficulty, the long-dormant charge of being "priest-ridden." Conservatives who are pressuring Catholic candidates to represent the church's agenda should be careful what they wish for.

Karen English
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Below-average argument on salaries

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The average undergraduate student in one of the social sciences should be able to point out difficulties with arguments made in the article "Average teacher salary higher than in most comparable towns" (*Townsmen*, Nov. 25). The School Committee has chosen to report as an "average" the arithmetic mean of salaries in the district. It is wise to be wary of the mean when extremely high numbers can inflate the "average" so calculated. It is important to supplement this with a consideration of the median salary in each district. This number represents the midpoint, or point along the distribution at which half the employees are above and half are below. There may be very good reasons why the average is inflated: we may have a greater proportion of teachers with longevity and seniority, for instance. Use of the median can help shed more light on what is "average."

Other factors need to be considered. A few years ago, it was fashionable for large companies to speak of "total compensation," including with salary such things as health care and merit-based profit sharing. We have no such comparison with "statistically comparable" communities on issues such as health care.

In addition, these compar-

isons are presented in the abstract, divorced from any longitudinal or historical data on salaries in these communities. For example, are contracts up for renewal in any of the comparable towns? Are we soon to be leapfrogged? Has any of these towns already negotiated smaller increases for recent years and larger increases for coming years? Is the school-age population in these communities growing or declining? Growth may mean a sudden influx of younger teachers whose lower salaries deflate the mean. This is a difficulty in taking much of a snapshot figure.

Finally, I would think that even if median salaries were found to be similar to mean salaries across these communities, that we would want to continue to pay competitively to continue to attract and retain the quality of teachers that best serve our children. Are we willing to risk making more than is warranted of a single-digit percentage point difference with most of these other communities? If the community is to enter the admittedly difficult period of contract negotiations, we had better well do our homework first.

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WWJD?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have two questions for St. Augustine Pastor William Cleary: 1) Would you allow a parishioner/politician who is pro-death penalty, practices birth control, or is pro-war, to cantor at your church? 2) Do you believe there's any chance that Jesus would approve of your actions?

Unless the answer to the first question is, "No," Cleary has no business claiming the moral high ground.

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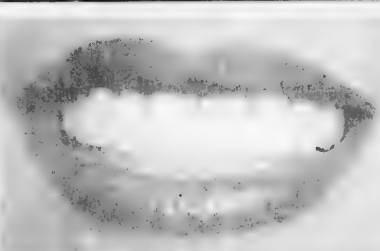
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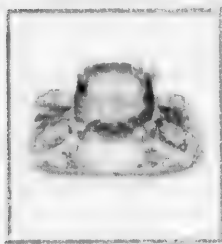
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Will Mount St. Helens blow its stack?

Mount St. Helens in Washington State is rumbling again. That gives scientists an active volcano in the United States to study.

Volcanologists and geologists watch for signs of changes within the body of the mountain. They look for signs that the sleeping volcano is waking up.

A volcano comes to life when pockets of hot molten rock called magma collect beneath the Earth's surface. The magma is made up of minerals from melted solid rocks and dissolved gases.

When gas forms in the magma, pressure builds inside the volcanic chambers. As pressure increases, the magma rises and can flow out of the volcano. Sometimes, there is an explosion.

Volcanoes can erupt with either a flow or an explosion. The material coming out of the volcano can either be molten lava or hard rocks, ash, steam and gas.

After 123 years of sleep, Mount St. Helens woke up on May 18, 1980 with an eruption. The explosion blew 1,300 feet off the top of the mountain peak. The temperature reached 660 degrees. The blast killed 57 people in the surrounding areas and covered 230 square miles with gritty volcanic ash.

After the 1980 eruption, Mount St. Helens went back to sleep.

On Sept. 23 of this year, it started belching small amounts of steam and ash. Since then, thousands of tiny earthquakes have shaken the mountain and several steam eruptions have occurred.

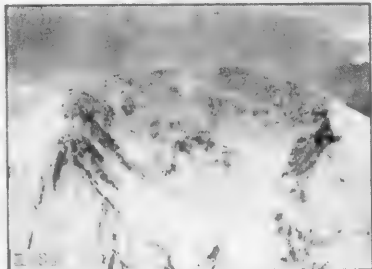
On Oct. 5, steam burst open two small new vents in the crater's floor. The volcano exhaled a cloud of steam and ash that sprinkled grit on a small town 25 miles away. A billowing dark gray cloud rose thousands of feet above the 8,364 feet high rim of Mount St. Helens' crater.

The floor of the crater continues to lift up, a sign that magma is still building. The lava dome has swelled by about 150 feet.

Will the volcano erupt again? Geologists expect more small-scale venting, not a huge eruption like 1980. However, volcano expert Jake Lowenstein said scientists are watching real close.

About 1,900 volcanoes are either active now or were active in historic times. Almost 90 percent are located in the Ring of Fire, a band of volcanoes circling the edges of the Pacific Ocean.

Even volcanoes that are considered extinct can rumble to life, just like Mount St. Helens did after 123 years of sleep.



The photo above was taken by John Pallister on Nov. 7. It shows steam rising from the new vents and the rising lava dome in the center of the crater. The photo below shows the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980. Austin Post took this photo.



Where are the volcanoes?

Match each famous volcano with the country where it is located. (You may need to do some research.)

Mount St. Helens	Indonesia
Mount Pinatubo	Mexico
Krakatau	Italy
Mauna Loa	USA (Wash.)
Mount Etna	Philippines
El Chichon	USA (Hawaii)
Vesuvius	Sicily

Class activity

1. Locate Mount St. Helens on a map of the United States
2. Search your newspaper for words that might be used to describe the events of a volcano eruption.

OBITUARIES

Nai-Chen Yu

Everyday Doherty volunteer for past 7 years

By Judy Wakefield

Doherty Middle School staffers and students are mourning the death of Nai-Chen "Norman" Yu, a spry 90-year-old who spent the last seven years volunteering at the school every day.



Mr. Yu coached the ping-pong club, taught Tai Chi and helped out in the library, said Doherty Principal Floyd McManus, who was among the local mourners at Mr. Yu's services, held yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 1.

"He came here every day for the last seven years," McManus said. "Our custodians even got him a couch so he could take a nap in the afternoon."

Mr. Yu talked fondly about the staff and students at Doherty and as a result, his children visited the school this past Monday to see it for themselves.

McManus said Mr. Yu was "a walking history for kids," as he shared stories about his early years in China and subsequent escape from the communist regime. He was also a frequent letter writer to the *Townsmen*.

Mr. Yu lived in Andover for the past eight years and died Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Lawrence General Hospital, from stomach cancer.

Born on an island in Fukien, China, and a grandson of a rural minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church there, Mr. Yu graduated from Anglo-Chinese College and Union Theological Seminary in Fuzhou, Fukien.

Before immigrating to Andover in 1996, he lived in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

He worked as minister of Evangelical Church in Fuzhou; civil servant in the Department

of Treasury, Fukien province; interpreter for US Air Force in Taipei; and employee of several international trading companies.

Mr. Yu attended Chinese Bible Church of Greater Lowell; enjoyed writing, painting, sculpting, playing ping-pong at Andover Senior Center; and volunteered in the Foster Grandparent Program at South Lawrence East School of Lawrence.

He was the widower of Chu-Chin Ho.

Members of his family include his sons, Hsiang-yung of Virginia, Hsiang-yu, Hsiang-hsia, and Hsiang-lin, all of Taiwan, and Hsiang-ai of Andover; daughter, An-na of Taiwan; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Chinese Bible Church of Greater Lowell, 197 Littleton Road, Chelmsford. Mr. Yu will be buried in Taiwan alongside his beloved wife.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Fred W. Toothaker

Lived on West Knoll Road for 10 years

Fred W. Toothaker, 85, of Punta Gorda, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda.

He was born in Cambridge and after his mother's death, his maternal grandparents legally adopted him.



Fred W. Toothaker

He served with the US Army during World War II in Europe with the Battery D 126th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a lifetime member of the Masons.

Mr. Toothaker was an avid golfer who took great pleasure in the sport. He enjoyed skiing, boating and fishing with his family. His most fond pastime was dancing with his wife.

He married his loving wife, Eleanor (Nickerson) Toothaker on Nov. 11, 1942, and they made their home in Revere and later in Andover. The couple later retired to Florida.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, members of his family include a daughter, Donna Ying and her husband, Enos Davison of Bradenton, Fla.; a son, Raymond Toothaker and his wife, Denise, of Naples, Maine; eight grandchildren; a brother, Richard LeMoine of Bath, Maine; and a sister, Cynthia Footer, also of Bath.

He was also the brother of the late Jerry LeMoine.

A memorial service will be held at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Peabody on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Harold Small officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Revere, 209 Beach St., Revere, MA 02151.

Evelyn Marshall

Punchard High graduate

Evelyn (Bernard) Marshall, 81, of Salem, N.H., died Thursday, Nov. 27, at the Salem Haven Nursing Home.

Mrs. Marshall was born, raised and educated in Andover, where she graduated from Punchard High School. Later, she moved to North Andover, where she lived most of her life.

DEATHS

John A. Begley
Ethel H. Dockray, 88
John W. Donovan Jr., 61
Ann Gill, 92
Evelyn Marshall, 81
Fred W. Toothaker, 85
Nai-Chen "Norman" Yu, 90

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BEGLEY — John A. Begley of Lawrence, died Thursday, Nov. 25. He was a member of Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

GILL — Ann (Simard) Gill, 92, of Salem, N.H., died Monday, Nov. 29 at home. Mrs. Gill was an inspector for Gillette in Andover before retiring.

Mrs. Marshall was a member of St. Michael's Church in North Andover and enjoyed knitting and sewing.

She was the widow of Walter G. Marshall.

Members of her family include her sons, James W. Marshall and his wife Jacqueline of Lawrence, and Richard G. Marshall of Salem, N.H.; brothers, Leo, Hervey and Richard Bernard, all of Andover, and Fred Bernard of Florida; sisters, Theresa Eldridge of Chatham, and Amelia Candella of California; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also predeceased by her son, Robert G. Marshall of Salem, N.H., and her sister, Florence Buck of Andover.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family.

John W. Donovan Jr.

Enjoyed golfing, skiing

John W. Donovan Jr., 61, of Andover, died Sunday, Nov. 28 at Wingate in Andover.

Mr. Donovan graduated from Suffolk University and worked for many years at AT&T, Lucent and Avaya Communications of Wilmington. After his retirement from Avaya, he worked at

Home Depot in Methuen.

He enjoyed golfing and skiing.

Members of his family include his wife of 35 years, Gale V. (Vaters) Donovan; a son, John Donovan III and his wife, Amy, of Andover; a daughter, Kathryn Smith and her husband Noel of Salisbury, Vt.; three brothers, Richard Donovan of Andover, Dennis Donovan of Plaistow, N.H., and Daniel Donovan of North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to a memorial Mass tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine Church in Andover. There are no calling hours.

Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements are by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Ethel H. Dockray

Longtime resident

Ethel H. (Carlson) Dockray, 88, of Andover, died Tuesday, Nov. 30 at The Meadows. Born and educated in Kearny, N.J., she was a longtime Andover resident until she retired to Alton Bay, N.H.

Mrs. Dockray and her late husband, Lance W. Dockray, were charter members of the

Faith Lutheran Church in Andover and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Laco- nia, N.H. Family members said church activities were very important in their lives and they participated in fund raising, volunteering, and serving on various church groups.

In addition, her family was especially important in Mrs. Dockray's life. She also enjoyed arts and crafts, and playing bridge.

Members of her family include two sons, Gary L. Dockray of Andover and Ralph Dockray and his wife Corinne of North Andover; a brother, Carl Carlson of Missouri; a sister, Helen Carlson of Jamesburg, N.J.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to memorial services on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Andover. There are no calling hours. Burial in Ridgewood Cemetery will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.



Ethel H. Dockray

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1904

William Wyllie passed the holiday in Boston.

A horse owned by David Beatty was shot by Chief Frye on Monday. The animal had been seriously ill.

Miss Faith Leonard, who is well known in this town, is to give dancing lessons in the November Club house the coming season.

Miss Jane B. Carpenter, 26 Morton St., has for sale some hand-colored photographs of land and sea, from the Lamson Station, Portland. These make dainty and inexpensive Christmas gifts.

Local football enthusiasts were greatly pleased that W.C. Matthews of Harvard, formerly captain of the Phillips' baseball team, had won his "H" in the Harvard-Yale game. Coach Yost of Michigan said he was the best end rusher on the field.

On The Andover Playstead Saturday morning at 9:30, the Christ church choir boys' football team play a championship game with the young Princetons. Much rivalry exists between the teams and a hot game is expected. The admission will be 10 cents.

The Portland express train that comes through Andover at 9:45 was stopped at Abbot's Bridge last Wednesday morning, owing to a hot box. After a delay of about 15 minutes, the train proceeded. About 150 Exeter students returning to their homes for the holiday were aboard.

Thanksgiving was very quiet in town last Thursday, there being nothing to take up the time. Many local people attended theaters in Boston and Lawrence. It is very unfortunate that the football game arranged between the Andover Athletic Association and Blue-stockings of North Andover was

not played.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, the New York alumni association of Phillips Academy will hold a smoker at the Aldine Club in New York. There will be a special attraction in the way of 50 stereotypical views of different subjects around the school and in Andover, showing the late changes that have taken place. A large attendance is expected.

75 Years Ago - 1929

The story of a \$470,000 fortune that finally shrinks with greater rapidity than speculation issues in the recent stock market issue was the cause of unrestrained hilarity when members of the Punchard Alumni Association presented "Tons of Money" by Will Evans and Valentine in the Town Hall on last Friday evening in front of a loud and appreciative audience.

Without doubt Guy Maier and Lee Pattison, who for years have been the standard by which all two piano playing is measured, gave their audience two of the most thrilling and unforgettable hours that they have ever passed listening to the large variety of artists that visit Andover Hill. George Washington Hall was nearly filled last Monday evening by those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the program.

Miss Jean McGlynn of North Main Street is convalescing after a recent operation.

Firemen extinguished a grass fire on property of the Boston and Maine Railroad off High Street last Wednesday at 1:55 p.m.

The junior class of Punchard High School will hold a dance in the school hall this evening. Miss Lucile Hathaway is chairman of

the committee of arrangements.

A Willys Knight sedan, owned by Wendell H. Kydd of Burnham Road, was stolen in Danvers Saturday afternoon while Mr. Kydd was attending the St. John's Prep vs. Bridgton Academy football game. Danvers police recovered the machine Sunday morning on a back road in Danvers.

The Ways and Means Association of the Andover Fraternal Building Association held a successful supper Saturday evening. The menu was cold ham, beans, pickles, cabbage, salad, relishes, rolls, doughnuts and pies.

The Annual Thanksgiving sunrise service sponsored by the Baptist Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will be held as usual at 7 a.m., in the vestry of the Baptist church. All those interested are cordially invited to attend this helpful meeting. The meeting will be under the leadership of the president, Robert L. Stone, whose subject will be on a pertinent topic. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 10.

More than 60 persons took advantage of the invitation of the directors of the Andover Historical Society and visited the new home on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

50 Years Ago - 1954

Installation of the new traffic control system in Elm Square is nearly completed and is expected to be put into operation early next week. There is some work still to be done on the traffic tower and on the traffic islands. When completed, there will be five standards with nine sets of lights that will control the flow of traffic entering the square from five streets.

The Christmas lights will be turned on Friday evenings as part

of the Andover Board of Trade's program for the coming Yule holidays. One of the big events in the board's program will be the monster street parade to be held at 12:30 p.m., Saturday Dec. 4, which will welcome Santa Claus and his workers to Andover.

The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club held a very successful fashion show at the Andover Country Club on Monday evening. The club was full to overflowing with members and their friends, who watched models display seasonal fashions by a local dress shop. A social hour preceded the show, when dessert and coffee were served. The dramatic department of the club met at the Andover Inn Friday afternoon, Mrs. Chester Kopatch, chairman, presided at the business meeting and Mrs. Sharon Locke was program chairman.

New Andover school? New highway? New areas for merchandising? These are some of the problems that will face the citizens of Andover not too many months from now. Currently on exhibition at the Addison Gallery on the campus of Phillips Academy is an exhibit discussing one of the issues involved. Because of its immediate interest, the exhibit has been extended through Dec. 19.

Nancy Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker of Lowell Street, celebrated her 10th birthday last week with a party at her home. They enjoyed games and refreshments served by Mrs. Baker.

A very pleasant roller-skating party was held last Friday evening by the members of the junior high Pilgrim Fellowship of the West church in Haverhill.

—Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Noelle Petrillo

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EVENTS CALENDAR



The Andover Chamber Music Series, Julia Scolnik, artistic director, presents *Mistral*, the ACMS ensemble in residence, in *Viva Vivaldi!*, an all-Vivaldi program with guest guitarist Jason Vieaux. Performances will take place next Friday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Boston; and Saturday Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. at South Church in Andover (above). Tickets are \$30 (general) and \$8 (students). For more information, call 978-474-6222, or check out www.andoverchambermusic.org.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theatre auditioning students in grades 7-10, for a planned mid-March performance of the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*; students should be prepared to act out a one-minute monologue and to sing the first few bars of *America* ("My country, 'tis of thee..."), 6-9 p.m., Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, Bartlett Street; Corinne Gediman gediman@comcast.net, www.merrimackjrtheatre.com.

Author reading, Andover historian Juliet Haines Mofford reading *Andover: Historical Selections from Four Centuries*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 800-481-0143.

Hanukkah pre-school story hour, 11 a.m., sponsored by Solomon Schechter Day School of the Merrimack Valley, Borders Books, The Loop, Methuen; Dianna Huff 978-372-4140.

Blue Christmas service, with music, readings, meditation, candles and preparation, especially for those having difficulty finding joy in the holiday season, 7 p.m., West Parish Chapel, Reservation Road; Betsy Collins 978-475-3528.

Friday, Dec. 3

Holiday events in downtown Andover - see page 7.

Holiday craft fair, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 360 Merrimack St., Building 5, second floor, Lawrence; 800-892-0890, Ext. 347.

Children's Shabbat, abbreviated "Tot" Sabbath service for toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children, 5:45 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

Holiday art show, sale, 1-9 p.m., Newburyport Artisans, Unitarian Church, Pleasant Street, Newburyport; 978-462-0713.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Steve Bjork, Walsh Brothers and Sean Lily, 9:30 p.m., \$15, The China Blossom Restaurant, Rt. 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Christmas celebration, Christmas at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, a three-day celebration, featuring holiday music beginning today with an open house, 7-9 p.m., \$15 reserved, \$10 general, \$3 children, Route 28, Methuen; Olga Williams 978-682-8674.

Musical, Concord Youth Theatre presents *Seussical the Musical*, 7:30 p.m. \$12, \$9 children (4 and older), at The Concord Youth Theatre, 40 Stow Street, Concord Center; 978-371-1482, mailbox 1 for tickets; or www.concordyouththeatre.org.

Musical Revue, Sparhawk Spotlights presents *Sentimental Journey*, an award-winning 1940s musical revue that features song favorites from World War II-era America, 8 p.m.; \$10, \$7 students and seniors, \$5 veterans; Newburyport City Hall, 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport; Danielle or Kristine 978-388-5354.

Nutcracker, at Phillips Academy, 7:30 p.m., tickets on sale at the Tang box office, \$10, \$5 seniors and children; 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263.

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theatre, see Dec. 2 entry.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Holiday concert, The New England Classical Singers will open its 25th season with *Joyeux Noel*, featuring French carols and other holiday favorites performed by the Lawrence High School Girls Ensemble, 4-8 p.m., \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$5 students, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-474-6090 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Holiday Concert, "A Merry-Mack College Christmas Concert," presented by the Merrimack College Concert Choir and the Merrimack Music Ministry, 7 p.m., \$10 suggested donation, the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5450.

Winter concert, the Performance Ensemble of Northern Essex Community College, under the direction of Michael Finegold, featuring classical, rock, jazz, and pop, 7:30 p.m., in the library conference area on the Haverhill campus; tickets available at the door, \$5 individual, \$25 family; refreshments after the concert by the NECC Music Club; 978-556-3413.

Dinner dance, Sacred Heart Parish will host its centennial celebration beginning with a Pontifical Mass in the church, followed by a dinner dance at Central Catholic Auditorium, 4 p.m., \$35, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; for tickets call Irene 978-686-5712, or Hazel 978-688-4477.

Craft fair, The North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church presents the 26th annual Red Bow Fair featuring a variety of crafts, holiday arrangements, photos with Santa and a silent auction, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free, 190 Academy Road, Olde Center, North Andover; 978-689-9549.

Kwanzaa celebration, the Phillips Academy Music Department and the Community Affairs and Multicultural Development office presents a Kwanzaa celebration of harvest and light featuring music from the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel.

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

For Dan Fionte, a young Andover artist, "Art has a pretty small definition. I think it has to have meaning. As long as it has meaning, it's art."

Finding meaning in the artistic process

By Andrea Gregory

REALITY AND MORTALITY blend together in *Sinking*, as unusual images sink into a soggy and steamy setting created by Dan Fionte, a young Andover artist.

Sinking, is a mixed media work that will be showcased at Art Studio Vision at 250 Canal St. in Lawrence during December. Fionte's work will be featured along with other Boston art-school students.

Fionte, 19, is a student at the Museum of Fine Arts School. He has lived in Andover his entire life and currently commutes to school.

He said the piece that will be on display in Lawrence is different than the work he typically does. He has typically created smaller and more traditional illustrations, and he is considering a job as an illustrator.

But *Sinking* is definitely more art than illustration, he said.

"For me, art has a pretty small definition. I think it has to have meaning. As long as it has meaning, it's art," he said.

When Fionte talks about his piece, he talks about "the cage of time" and the fate of death. He said *Sinking* is "what we do our entire lives."

The message of his work: "Do as much as you can to not sink, and do what you can before you do."

He said these thoughts came to him while working on the piece.

Fionte said he began by trying to

capture a still-life display under dim lighting, using charcoal and graphite. There was a model in a broken crib, wrapped in sheets, and an antique iron bird cage. During the two hours he worked on the piece he added spray and acrylic paint.

An early start

For as long as he can remember, Fionte has been an artist of sorts. He began drawing at a very young age. He said he was never very good expressing himself through words as a child.

"For a while, it was totally visual for me," he said.

He found he was capable of capturing what he saw using art.

"When I was in high school, I started to think about it seriously," he said.

He took photography and graphic design classes at Andover High School before graduating in 2003, and pursuing an education in art.

Kathleen Taussig, owner of Art Studio Vision, set out looking for new and talented young artists. As a means of finding them, she looked to art schools in Boston. Fionte was one of her finds.

Although she has not met him, she said she could see his talent and effort in his work.

"I just think he is a very engaging young man," she said.

"I look for something that has a fresh approach. I have an eye for things, and I'm super-critical. And I look for the best," said Taussig. "I wanted good art. I wanted something more than suburban art. I just wanted to jazz up Lawrence."

Fionte's work and the work of other emerging artists will be available for viewing and purchasing Saturdays and Sundays throughout December, or by appointment during the week.

Kathleen Taussig opened her art studio in Lawrence less than a year ago. She taught art for 24 years in Europe and four years in New York. She plans to start offering art classes to teenagers in the near future hoping to help young artists strengthen their talents.

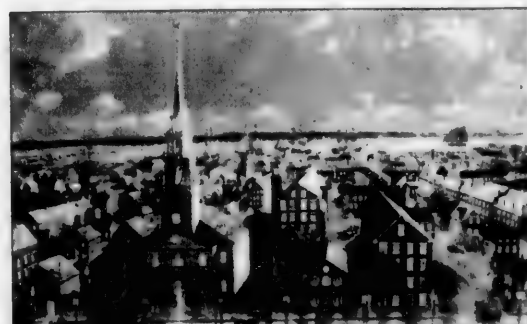
"I think the person that is just beginning has just as much of a chance of making it as anyone else," she said.

For more information about the Art Studio Vision call 978-975-8843.



'Sinking' (the title of the painting above and in detail at left) is "what we do our entire lives. Do as much as you can to not sink, and do what you can before you do."

ART STUDENT
DAN FIONTE (RIGHT),
AHS 2003 GRAD



Walsingham Gallery, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport, opens a holiday art show with new works by artists J.C. Airolidi, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr. and others. There will be two receptions to coincide with Invitation Nights hosted from 6 to 9 p.m. by Newburyport downtown shops Fridays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, with signing of limited edition pieces by Richard Burke Jones. For more information, call 978-499-4411 or log on to www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

3 teens to tap for global honors

More than 1,000 dancers in World Tap Dance Championships

By Rita Savard

DEMONSTRATING SOME FANCY FOOTWORK overseas this week, three Andover dance students will jump, jive and click their heels to help team USA secure a top spot in the World Tap Dance Championships.

Rebecca Adlman, 15, Aubrey Scarborough, 17, and Samantha Shea, 13, will compete with more than 1,000 dancers representing 16 nations in the "Olympics for the dance world" at the Erdgas Sports Arena in Riesa, Germany.

The teens are members of

Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studio in North Andover and were selected along with 150 other American dancers after emerging victorious in a national competition earlier this year.

"This is an opportunity for the girls that goes above and beyond the dance aspect," says dance instructor Nancy Chippendale. "It's more than winning medals. At this level, it's about meeting people from all over the world and experiencing different cultures."

Performing in several numbers that have been choreo-

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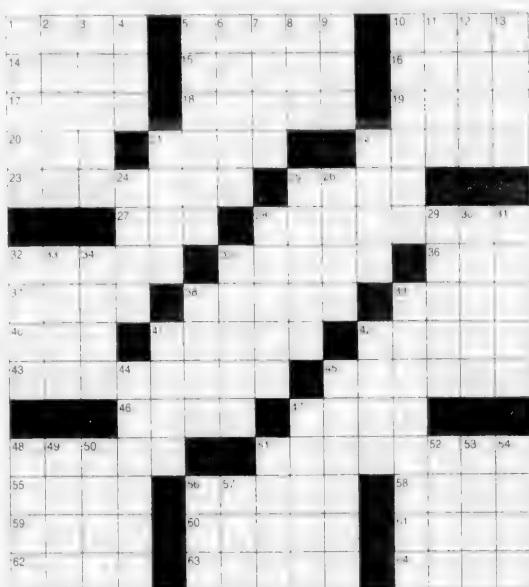
COURTESY PHOTO

Rebecca Adlman, 15, Aubrey Scarborough, 17, and Samantha Shea, 13, members of Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studio (above), are heading to Germany this week.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Person from U.K., abbr.
5. Electronic communication
10. Irish mother of gods
14. Gulls
15. Type of fish
16. Organic compound
17. Two-toed sloth
18. Got up
19. Bulbous plant having a characteristic onion odor
20. A way to soak
21. Thailand
22. Willow genus
23. The most direct route
25. Appear
27. Characterized by unity
28. Bowling
32. Gulf of, in the Aegean
35. Dresses (Indians)
36. Denial
37. Expression of sorrow or pity
38. Having the head uncovered
39. Town in Galilee
40. Browning
41. Bundles
42. Edouard __, Fr. painter
43. Expunctions
45. Stroke
46. Tops
47. Edible lily bulb
48. Cyprinid fishes
51. Hygienic
55. Capital of Norway
56. Crucifixes
58. Type of sword



59. Make from scratch

60. Claudio __, Chilean pianist

61. A condition requiring relief

62. Bleats

63. Breasts

64. Root of taro plant

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of message
2. Rajah's wife

3. Extremely angry; highly incensed

4. God of sky (Scandinavian)

5. __ May, actress

6. Units of metrical time

7. Substance

8. Belonging to a thing

9. __ Marvin, actor

10. Flee

11. A blue dye

12. Yugoslavian city

13. Genus of very spiny dense evergreen shrubs

21. Transgressions

22. Observes

24. Closets

25. Fathers

26. __ Blyton, children's author

28. Nostrils

29. Devoid of ideas or intelligence

30. The fifth hour, about 3 p.m.

31. Quantitative facts

32. Replete

33. A growth-regulating chemical sprayed on fruit trees

34. Frog genus

35. Trade

38. Poet

39. Yellow or orange-red fat-soluble pigments in plants

41. Baby flowers

42. Necromancers

44. Usually with wooden soles

45. Enumeration

47. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

48. Groom

49. First Chinese dynasty

50. Forearm bone

51. A crane

52. Caricatured

53. Famous surgeon

54. Former name for Tokyo

56. Tell on

57. Valuable mineral

SOLUTION ON PAGE 17

EVENTS CALENDAR

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180 Main St.; 978-749-4263.

Christmas Celebration, Christmas at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall. 7:30 p.m. concert; see Dec. 3 entry.**Holiday art show, sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,** see Dec. 3 entry.**Musical, Scussical the Musical, 2:30 p.m.,** see Dec. 3 entry.**Musical Revue, Sentimental Journey; see Dec. 3 entry.****Nutcracker at Phillips Academy, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; see Dec. 3 entry.**

Sunday, Dec. 5

Holiday concert, The Phillips Academy Chaplaincy and Music Department will present "Service of Lessons and Carols" featuring traditional readings and song directed by Christopher Walter and the Handbell Choir, 4:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263.**Afternoon of Concerts, The North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra (NYSO) will present two concerts, the first, 3-4:15 p.m., will feature NYSO's Prelude String Ensemble, the Intermezzo Orchestra, the Junior Flute Orchestra, and the Clarinet Choir; the second, 4:45-5:45 p.m., will feature the Senior Orchestra and the Senior and Select Flute Choirs; reception will be held between the two performances; concerts are free and**

open to the public, at the Ipswich Performing Arts Center on Routes 133 and 1A in Ipswich; Sally Ubnoske 978-258-1182 or Trudy Larson 978-685-7844.

Author lecture, The Irish Foundation is sponsoring a lecture and book signing by Susan Gedutis, author of *See You at the Hall*, who will discuss her novel about the golden era of Irish music and dance, special guest appearance by traditional Irish musician Tom Garvey of Andover, 1:30 p.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence.**Exhibition, Mindscapes II, an exhibition of paintings by Susan E. Schur, McQuade Library Gallery at Merrimack College, North Andover, through December, opening reception 2-5 p.m.****Tree Lighting and Carol Sing, on Ballardvale Green, 5 p.m., free, sponsored by Ballardvale Historic District Commission; 978-475-0125.****Winter concert, the NECC Chorus of Northern Essex Community College, under the direction of music professor Alisa Bucchiere, will perform a variety of selections ranging from Mozart to Broadway, 2 p.m., in the library conference area on the Haverhill campus; tickets available at the door, \$5 individual, \$25 family; refreshments after the concert by the NECC Music Club; 978-556-3413.****Concert, di bostoner klezmer, a group of musicians performing a full range of klezmer, traditional Jewish, Hasidic, Israeli, and swing, 2 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401.****Di bostoner klezmer, which will be playing at Memorial Hall Library this Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m., is Brian Bender on trombone, Christina Crowder on accordion, and Dena Ressler on clarinet.****Concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will present a concert of seasonal favorites and some new music featuring violinist**

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Alexandra Harrod and Rylie Harrod playing cello, a silent auction will also be offered, 2:30 p.m., \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children under 12, Rogers Center for the Arts, 315 Tumpike St., North Andover; 978-372-8237.

Christmas Celebration, Christmas at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 3 p.m. concert, see Dec. 3 entry.

Musical, Seussical the Musical, 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 4 entry.

Musical Revue, Sentimental Journey, 2 p.m.; see Dec. 3 entry.

Nutcracker at Phillips Academy, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; see Dec. 3 entry.

Monday, Dec. 6

Author visit, David Gumpert, author of several books and contributor to numerous newspapers and online services, will present a lecture and lead a discussion, "A Biblical Story from the Holocaust," 6 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

College bound, "PSAT Night" for sophomores, juniors, and seniors at Andover High School, 7 p.m. in the Collins Center, Shawsheen Road; 978-623-8607.

Coping with the holidays, "Stress Busters for the Holidays," 3 p.m., free and open to public, presented by Merrimack Valley Hospice at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; seating limited, RSVP to Michelle Muller 978-475-4225.

Tree and Wreath Exhibit, Friends of the Flint Memorial Library in North Reading present an exhibit at the library of decorated trees and wreaths: "Every Tree Tells a Story," featuring raffles and children's activities, culminating in a library open house with refreshments Dec. 11, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Live jazz, Sahara Restaurant & Club presents The Herb Pomeroy Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

No events listed.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Pingree Arts and Concert, Pingree School Arts Department hosting a celebration of visual and performing arts, at 6:30 p.m. Pingree Art Gallery reception and exhibit of student works, including works of Andover residents Monica Griffin, Kim Carey, Calder Zwerling, Chrissy Cronin, Liz Cronin, Meghan Morris, Liz Mainiero, Michaela Iannazzi, and Sam Baird; at 7:30 p.m. Pingree Performing Arts Center winter concert, featuring music and dance by Andover residents Liz Cronin, Caroline Gerber, Cara Lemire, Liz Mainiero, Jacqui Mimmo, Kate Roman, Molly Baird, Sarah Goldstein, and James Caron; call the school's box office 978-468-2193.

Friday, Dec. 10

Andover Chamber Music Series, Julia Scolnik, artistic director, presents the ACMS ensemble in residence, *Mistral*, in *Viva Vivaldi!*, an all-Vivaldi program with guest guitarist Jason Vieaux, 8 p.m., \$30 (general) and \$8 (students), First Lutheran Church, Boston; 978-474-6222 or www.andoverchambermusic.org.

Hanukkah celebration, third annual Hanukkah "Night of Music," Shabbat evening services filled with tra-

ditional and contemporary music, 7 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, 978-470-1356.

Choral concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 70th annual winter concert featuring audience carolling, soloists, and orchestra with chorus of 200 voices, 8 p.m., \$20 adults, \$18 seniors over 60 and children over 4, Belleville Congre-

gational Church, High Street, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Christmas concert, Merrimack Valley Players' fourth annual Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$18 seniors and children over 4, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen; 603-893-6226 or www.merrimackvalleyplayers.org.

Musical, Concord Youth Theatre presents *Seussical the Musical*, 7:30

p.m. \$12, \$9 children (4 and older), at The Concord Youth Theatre, 40 Stow Street, Concord Center; 978-371-1482, mailbox 1 for tickets; or visit www.concordyouththeatre.org.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Bob Gautreau, Joe List, Shane Moss, 9:30 p.m., \$15, The China Blossom Restaurant, Rt. 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Arts & Crafts, 12th Annual NOBO Show, a juried show of three-dimensional arts and crafts sponsored by Fox Brothers Furniture

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Holiday fair, Seasonal crafts, decorative and gift items, baked goods, and plants, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Nutcracker Ballet, The New England Civic Ballet will perform Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Ballet* at

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French carols and seasonal favorites by NECS

The New England Classical Singers will open its 25th season with *Joyeux Noel*, this Saturday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover.

The holiday concert will feature Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Midnight Mass for Christmas Messe de Minuit pour Noel*. Charpentier based this enchanting work on beloved French carols, which will be performed by the well-known Lawrence High School Girls Ensemble, directed by Nancy McGhee. Accompanied by orchestra, NECS will perform other French carols and seasonal favorites from near and far, marking the beginning of a festive holiday season.

Soloists for the *Messe de Minuit pour Noel* will be Susan Consoli, soprano, Krista River, soprano, Aaron Sheehan, tenor, Alan Schneider, tenor, and David Kravitz, bass.

The New England Classical Singers is an auditioned chorus that has brought choral music to the Merrimack Valley for 25 years. NECS is led by David Hodgkins, who is director of music at the Commonwealth School in Boston as well as artistic director of Boston's Coro Allegro.

Founded as the North Reading Choral Society, the New England Classical Singers has evolved from a non-auditioned community chorus to a selective auditioned group of 30 members.

To order tickets for this concert or for a season subscription, or to obtain information, call 978-474-6090 or visit www.newenglandclassical.org. Tickets can also be purchased through Arts/Boston and at the Andover Bookstore, or the Rogers Center Box Office (978-837-5355). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

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the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, Route 114, North Andover, 7:30 p.m.; \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and children under 12, with special discounts for groups of 10 or more; 978-975-0289 or visit www.newengland-civicalballet.org.

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Breakfast with Santa, elf crafts, and pictures with Santa, at Andover/North Andover YMCA, 8:30 a.m.-noon; per family cost: \$8 YMCA family members, \$16 YMCA general members, \$24 non-members, 165 Haverhill St.; 978-685-3541.

International Orphans

Foundation, Families interested in adopting orphaned children from Russia can learn about the need and the process by meeting with Vicky Wu, 1 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 3 Main Street/ Elm Square. RSVP by Dec 3; 857-234-1057 or vwo@orphansfoundation.org.

Prayer Group, *Introduction to Centering Prayer*, \$30 registration fee includes lunch, The Franciscan Center, 459 River Road; 978-852-3391.

Concert, Merrimack Valley Players, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; special pricing for matinee: \$10 children and seniors; see Dec. 10 entry.

Choral concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m.; see Dec. 10 entry.

Musical, *Seussical the Musical*, 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 10 entry.

Arts & crafts, NOBO Show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., see Dec. 10 entry.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy productions, see Dec. 10 entry.

Nutcracker Ballet, The New England Civic Ballet, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; see Dec. 10 entry.

Sunday, Dec. 12

First Light 5765 Concert, Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation presents the 11th annual concert, featuring nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Debbie Friedman; outdoor candle-lighting at 6:30 p.m., concert indoors at 7:15 p.m.; advance tickets \$25, \$15 for seniors over 60 and children under 18; tickets at the door \$30 and \$18, additional discounts for families, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Michelle Soli or Jan Brodie 978-688-0466.

Charity Appraisal Fair and Wine Tasting, sponsored by Haverhill Antique Market, 2-5 p.m., \$5 fee per item for professional appraisal, \$10 for wine-tasting with fruits, cheeses, and other appetizers. Wines provided by Commonwealth Wine and Spirits, foods by The Tap, all proceeds to benefit Ruth's House in Haverhill, which provides clothing and household items to local families; 90 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-374-6644.

Choral concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m.; see Dec. 10 entry.

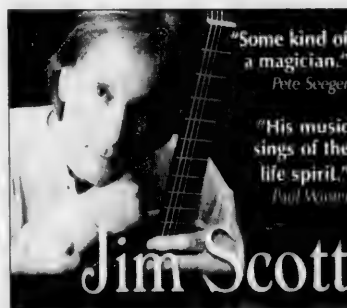
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First performance at new coffeehouse in town

World Music on Locke Street

This Saturday, Dec. 4, singer, songwriter and guitarist Jim Scott will be appearing at The Coffeehouse at Six Locke Street to perform original songs with his trio. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8. Tickets sell for \$10 and there are refreshments. Students and seniors get in for half price, and no one is turned away because of inability to pay.

Organizers said, "Jim is one of the rare musicians who has transcended stylistic boundaries." Co-composer of the Missa Gaia Earth Mass, he has performed at the Newport Jazz Festival with the Paul Winter Consort, with folk legends Peter Seeger, who calls him "some kind of magician," with jazz flautist Paul Horn in the gardens of Findhorn, Scotland and with Holly Near in Nicaragua. Scott has been a lifelong advocate for ecology, justice and peace. He recently created the *Earth and*



Spirit Songbook, which embodies the respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which everyone is a part. Pete Seeger commissioned Scott to create this collection of classic and contemporary music.

Scott has been involved early on in what we now call "World Music," bringing together ethnic, jazz, folk, and classical streams in music. According to show organizers, "he is that unique blend of musician, traditionally educated at the Eastman School of Music, trained in the Army

Band, and also a gifted improvisational player. He is a gifted storyteller as well." Recently Scott has been a spokesperson for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which got its start rescuing Jewish citizens from Nazi occupied Europe.

Today the UUSC runs scores of programs at home and abroad including those defending the rights of children and women, promoting fair trade, and advancing health care.

Scott lives in Shrewsbury with his wife and two children. More information is available at his Web site, <http://jimscottmusic.com>.

The Coffeehouse at Six Locke Street was formed to promote music and programs that fostered ecology, peace and justice issues and is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover. For more information, contact the Rev. Ralph Galen at 978-886-2734.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Society, 8 p.m.; see Dec. 10 entry.

Musical, Seussical the Musical, 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 10 entry.

Arts & crafts, NOBO Show, noon to 5 p.m., see Dec. 10 entry.

Nutcracker Ballet, The New England Civic Ballet, at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; see Dec. 10 entry.

Ongoing
Holiday Events

Winter Wonderland, The Rausse family of Boxford will open two acres of holiday light viewing through Dec. 18, featuring thousands of lights, a specially built landing strip called Rudolph's Runway, and enchanted forest, Frosty's Arctic Circle, Prancer Park, a huge gingerbread house and much more, afterward visitors are invited to sit

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Andover Spring 2005 Soccer registration is going on now for students in grades 1-12.

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by the campfire and enjoy hot chocolate with Mrs. Claus, marshmallow toasting and hot dog roasting welcome, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, free, 52 Porter Road (off Ipswich Road or Main Street), Boxford.

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Art Exhibitions

Andover Historical Society, Tranquility: Watercolors and Pastels by Ruth Brunquell, through Feb. 5,

part of the ongoing Contemporary Artists Series; meet the artist Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org

Global tap-off challenge

■ WORLD TAP DANCE
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graphed around different music genres, the girls have been strutting their stuff for several hours each week at rehearsals.

Chippendale's has incorporated some unique routines for the four-day show, including a tap performance set to Benny Goodman's *Sing, Sing, Sing*, and a spooky holiday-themed dance featuring music from the creepy Hollywood thriller *Halloween*.

"I really like *Halloween*," says Scarborough, whose been perfecting her craft since she was 6. "It's high energy and fun."

The German excursion will be the Andover High School students' first trip abroad.

"I'm excited to see Berlin," she says. "It's great to actually get to see the places I'm reading about in European history."

The dance-off marks Adlman's second time representing the USA in the world championships. The Andover High sophomore shimmied and swayed to jazz rhythms in 2003.

"It was amazing," adds Adlman, who admits tap is her dance of choice. "We visited so many beautiful places, like castles and museums. Just seeing all the dancers from other countries, and getting ready back stage, is so much fun."

Shea, a student at Doherty Middle School, may be Andover's youngest mover and shaker, but she's been perfecting her steps for the past 10 years.

"Tap is the most fun and the most challenging for me," says Shea. "I'm really looking forward to the team's swing-dance part, where we all come together. In the end, it really doesn't matter what we get, just how hard we try."

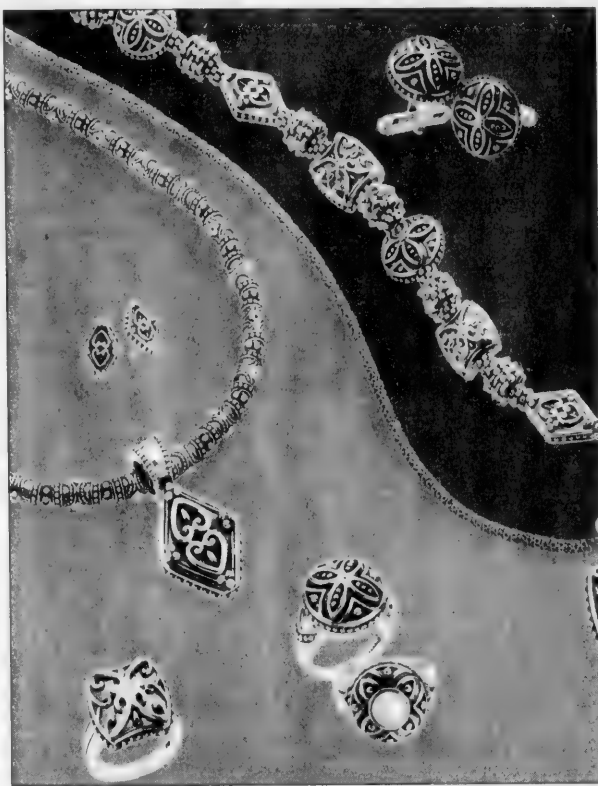
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Checking out his options — Andover High senior Ryan Philpott pores through books from different colleges. Philpott is part of the last graduating class to take the old Scholastic Aptitude Test for college admission. Andover High juniors will be the first class to tackle the new SATs in March.

By Rita Savard

For the first time since World War II, the Scholastic Aptitude Test is sharpening the focus on writing skills.

Helping Andover students ease their worries over the revamped exam, Andover High School counselor Peggy Cain is offering three words of advice: "Don't be afraid!"

Around 530 combined Andover sophomores and juniors who took the Preliminary SAT in October will be the first to tackle the new SATs in March. Next Monday, Cain plans to meet with students and parents to discuss changes on the standard high school test, which can either make or break some college applications.

"I think there is some misinformation out about the new SAT," said Cain, who has worked at the high school for 25 years. "Listening to radio ads and test prep promotions can give the impression that the test is harder, but that just isn't true."

Changes to the SAT are now more aligned with the academic curriculum, enhancing students' familiarity with test questions, Cain said. Analogies have been eliminated from the content, while more reading passages and a writing portion are present. In addition, quantitative comparisons have been removed from the math test, replaced with a stronger concentration in algebra.

The scoring, which used to include just two components — verbal and math scores — now factors in critical reading, writing and math. The new portion of the test has raised the cumulative scoring from 1600 to 2400. The top score in any one area remains 800.

"Students don't do analogies as a part of the curriculum anymore," Cain said. "Writing is more prominent in terms of success in both college and business. The test now complements what students are already learning every day in the classroom."

According to Cain, the SAT has gone through changes over the years, such as in 1996 when makers dropped the antonyms section, which tested whether students

A sample essay question from the new SAT

DIRECTIONS: Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.

The principle is this: each failure leads us closer to deeper knowledge, to greater creativity in understanding old data, to new lines of inquiry. Thomas Edison experienced 10,000 failures before he succeeded in perfecting the light bulb. When a friend of his remarked that 10,000 failures was a lot, Edison replied, "I didn't fail 10,000 times, I successfully eliminated 10,000 materials and combinations that didn't work."

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value too."

The PSATs, which are essentially practice exams, give sophomores and juniors multiple chances to prepare for the final SATs. Cain recommends that students take the exam twice during their junior year.

In addition to being an Andover High School counselor, Cain is a member of the College Board, a non-profit organization comprised of high schools and colleges that helps more than 3 million students by offering educational programs and services.

"Students who take the preliminary test are better prepared to score well on the SATs," Cain said. "Part of doing well is familiarity with the material, and the other part is moving through a demanding curriculum that involves reading and writing."

Traditionally, seniors who take their SATs in the fall, following pretests, have the best results.

Test-score averages on the SAT vary by school location. This year's nationwide statistics from the College Board show schools earning 508 in the verbal section, and 518 in math.

Cain said Andover's students annually score above the national averages, achieving 557 on the verbal exam and 580 on math in 2004.

But she said an effective way for some students to relieve SAT jitters would be to attend the Dec. 6 meeting inside the Collins Center at 7 p.m.

"It's a good time for students and parents to figure out ways to polish skills and learn preparation techniques," Cain said. "It will help students feel less anxious so they can perform better."

For more information on the new SAT, visit www.collegeboard.com.

"Don't be afraid!"

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR PEGGY CAIN, ADVISING STUDENTS ABOUT THE NEW SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST

SCHOOL TALK

The Shawsheen Elementary School PTO will hold a Holiday Boutique today, Thursday, Dec. 2 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the school gym.

The boutique will feature more than 20 vendors showcasing handcrafted items, including fabric purses and handbags, custom-designed jewelry, decorative home accessories, children's clothing, personalized stationery, specialty dips and oils, and soaps, lotions and aromatherapy products. New this year will be the Shawsheen Cafe, where shoppers may take a break and enjoy dessert and coffee with friends.

The Shawheen Holiday Boutique is free and open to the public.

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The Greater Lawrence Technical School admissions test for all prospective ninth-grade students will take place this Saturday, Dec. 4 and again next Saturday, Dec. 11. In case of inclement weather, the test will be rescheduled to Dec. 18.

Students should report to GLTS, 57 River Road, Andover at 7:45 a.m. on one of the test dates.

For further information, contact the guidance office at 978-686-0194, Ext. 2063 or 2059.

BOOK REVIEW

The Time Garden

BY EDWARD EAGER

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week, 15-year-old Andover residents John and James review another book for young readers who enjoy fantasy novels.

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to expect. One thing that they certainly don't expect is an encounter with the Natterjack, an ancient frog who is like a guard over the manor's garden — a thyme garden, to be exact. The garden is much more special than any of the children could have dreamed.

They soon find that they have to ability to go anywhere in time, because in the garden grows not only thyme, but time. Soon the children are embarking on dangerous, exciting and mysterious escapades throughout time that will shape the way they see the world.

The Time Garden by Edward Eager is a fantastic book by a gifted author who has the ability to create a world in his stories that seems so similar to our own, yet so far away. The plot is constantly moving and



the characters are just ordinary people who have fallen face-first into an extraordinary situation.

We give *The Time Garden* by Edward Eager a nine out of 10. It is a great adventure that can be enjoyed by anyone. If the reader enjoys this novel by Eager, we also recommend his other books such as *Magic by the Lake* and *Half Magic*. This book will be enjoyed best by fantasy lovers, but all readers will be able to appreciate how well written this novel is.

So pick up a copy of *The Time Garden* by Edward Eager today. Or, if you happen to live in a magical manor by the sea with a thyme garden and the Natterjack in the backyard, you can travel back in time and ask Edward Eager to tell the story.

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Roman M. Kichorowsky

Andover students have won Henry David Thoreau Scholarships for two years in a row. In 2003 **Caitlin E. Littlefield** received the honor.

The son of Lee Hartzell and Roman Kichorowsky, he graduated this year from Andover High School. He has been enthusiastic about environmental endeavors ever since his earliest Scouting days and now holds the rank of Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm. In addition to completing 28 Merit Badges, he received the World Conservation Award.

At Andover High, Kichorowsky was a top-ranking student who won numerous awards, including those for excellence in AP biology, earth science/ecology, marine biology and oceanography. He competed in soccer and indoor/outdoor track, played in the jazz and concert bands, and took part in community service projects.

Kichorowsky traveled to Madagascar during the past two summers to work in Ankarafantsika National Park as an Earthwatch volunteer. He studied the fossa, a carnivorous species, and then carried out an independent survey of dry, deciduous forestlands in north-west Madagascar.

Kichorowsky said, "I cannot think of more rewarding service to humanity than working creatively to preserve what is left of our natural world."

Now in its sixth year, the Henry David Thoreau Foundation is dedicated to supporting environmental studies. The organization has already distributed more than \$1.5 million to nearly 70 Massachusetts undergraduate students and to several environmental programs at colleges and universities in New England and beyond. While Thoreau Scholars attend educational institutions throughout the United States, the majority of their schools are located in the northeast.

Individual Thoreau Grants are awarded to Scholars at the rate of \$7,500 a year and are for tuition use only. Their name

honors the celebrated American writer/naturalist who first sounded the call for environmental preservation.

To find out more about Thoreau Scholarships or to download an application, visit the Web site at www.thoreau-scholar.org.

Andover resident **Maureen Brown Yoder**, PhD, recently accepted a new role as Lesley University's academic director of online learning. The creation of the position reflects Lesley's growth and success in pioneering online education, and a commitment to continue that track record while exploring the next frontier in virtual classrooms.

"Our online programs have an extremely high retention rate at almost 100 percent. Since 1997, we've proven that online education works when you concentrate on the needs of the individual student, and develop timely and practical content that students can put into practice in the classroom right away. Our students place an enormous value on the amount of interaction they have with the faculty," said Yoder. "Lesley can build on these experiences as we take the next steps in online learning."

Yoder has served as program director of the Technology in Education Degree Program for seven years. Currently, Lesley offers two master's programs entirely online - Technology in Education and Science in Education - as well as a variety of individual courses. In her new role, Yoder will oversee all online education initiatives including expansion of current online offerings as well as new possibilities. She will create a plan for online learning at Lesley University that will include ongoing support for students and faculty, course and program development, and marketing and recruiting.

Yoder began her career at Lesley in 1982 as an off-campus instructor, and was among the first graduates of Lesley's Technology in Education program (then called Computers in Education). A former classroom teacher, she taught kindergarten and first grade before becoming a middle school computer teacher.

Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony Friday, Oct. 1 in Brunswick, Maine, to honor those undergraduates who distinguish themselves by excellence in scholarship.

The local resident who is a Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar is **Erin Elizabeth Westaway**, a member of the class of 2005.

Those students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of

each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those scholars who earned a GPA of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

Rachel Charron of Andover was among 28 outstanding fraternity and sorority leaders and scholars recognized Oct. 3 for academic, civic and leadership achievements at Syracuse University with induction into the Epsilon Omega chapter of the Order of Omega leadership honor society.

Charron, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently vice president of risk management for her sorority and is also an officer for the Organization for the Advancement of Student Interests in Science (OASIS). In addition, Charron has spent her time visiting patients at Saints Memorial Hospital and working with the Boys and Girls Club to organize activities for children.

CARE PACKAGES



PHOTO BY KRISTEN HUNT

Nancy Disalvo's fourth-grade class at West Elementary School are about to mail their care packages to soldiers in Iraq. Twenty-seven shoeboxes were loaded with magazines, snacks, toiletries, treats and necessities. Students placed a handwritten letter to a soldier in each box. The boxes are expected to arrive in Iraq before Christmas Day, organizers said.

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No Time to Play



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Managed Care for a Holiday Budget



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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 6-10:

Elementary schools

Monday: Lasagna with roll, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak with potato and carrots, two beefy burritos, bagel pizza, fruit, veggie, chocolate cake with vanilla frosting and milk.

Wednesday: Fish-and-chips, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue pork with potato and peas, spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef-and-cheese sub with fries, two hot dogs with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Barbecue pork with potato and peas, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fish-and-chips, pizza ring, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, nachos with salsa, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Lasagna with roll, hot dog with potato puffs,

french toast with hash browns, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese with soup, chicken nuggets with cranberry sauce, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Two hot dogs with chips, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Roast pork with potato and peas, bakery pizza, spaghetti and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Soup and garden salad, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, bakery pizza, lasagna, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef-and-cheese sub with chips, stuffed crust pizza, macaroni and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Business

BRIEFS

Emerson Hospital Martin named interim CEO

Emerson Hospital, a full-service, non-profit community hospital serving a population of more than 220,000 people in a 25-town region, announced today that Dr. C. Gregory Martin has been appointed interim president and chief executive officer, effective Dec. 15.

Martin, an Emerson Hospital Board member since 2003 and member of the active medical staff for the past five years, will transition with Emerson's current president and chief executive officer Thomas A. Kleinhanzl. Martin will serve in this role until the hospital names a permanent replacement for Kleinhanzl.

Martin had been serving for the past five years as medical director at Concord Hillside Medical Associates (CHMA), a division of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. CHMA is a multi-specialty primary care group practice with 19 physicians and nine allied health practitioners serving more than 35,000 patients from the region.

Philip Cheney, Chairman of Emerson Board of Directors, said, "We are delighted to have someone of Dr. Martin's caliber lead the hospital on an interim basis. Having practiced medicine in Massachusetts for nearly 25 years, Dr. Martin is well immersed in the community and fully understands the health care needs of the area. He will be fully involved in all phases of hospital operations as Emerson moves forward with many important strategic initiatives."

Martin said, "I feel very fortunate to lead Emerson at this juncture. Having been associated with the hospital staff for many years, I know first-hand the commitment that the hospital has to the tens of thousands of patients it serves 24 hours a day, seven days a week. My mission will be to continue the momentum that has established Emerson as one of the finest community hospitals in the state."

Martin lives in Andover, with his wife, Deborah. They have three children Lauren, Christopher and Geoffrey.



C. Gregory Martin

MV Chamber Topic: Reward programs

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association will host a meeting about "Reward and Recognition Programs" on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Andover Inn, 4 Chapel Ave.; 978-475-5903

The cost is \$20 for MVHRA members, \$25 for MV Chamber members and \$35 for non-Chamber members.

For a full refund, 48-hour cancellation notice prior to event is needed. No-show reservations will be billed.

Hoffman's company honored



Drew Hoffman

Clear Channel Outdoor received a Media Award from the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund (MCTF) and Wheelock College for donating one year of public service advertising billboard space and creative advertising services to the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund to help build stronger families in the Commonwealth. Clear Channel Outdoor Massachusetts is run by Andover native Drew Hoffman, president.

Andover 40B developer wins award for another project

AvalonBay, a builder that has drawn the ire of a group of Andover residents known as Protect Andover Zoning, because of AvalonBay's efforts to build a large affordable housing project off River Road, reported recently that it has won a magazine award.

AvalonBay Communities Inc. was the recipient of the 2004 *Multifamily Executive* magazine's "Builder of the Year" award. The company also received the award for "Project of the Year, Resort/Luxury category" for Avalon at Mission Bay in San Francisco, Calif.

According to *Multifamily Executive*, the Builder of the Year award is given to a developer or builder whose flexible approach to development and design reflects ingenuity, practicality and resourcefulness. Since 1998, AvalonBay has completed 48 communities.

Caffeine in the haus

Resident brings special tea parties to people's homes

By Andrea Gregory

"Tea time" has been making a trendy comeback in urban settings, with more people getting together to enjoy cups of the caffeinated beverage. Now, an Andover resident wants to bring lively tea parties to her town — with funky hats and spiked tea drinks, if the host prefers.

"It's not your grandmother's tea party," said Andover resident Krystal Hatchett. "We are trying to make tea available to everyone."

Hatchett has launched company called Teahaus with two of her friends, Dee Rodrigues and Ana Hale.

Because Hatchett and Rodrigues model, they have limited

time to run a business. Their original idea, a tea cafe, was shot down because their careers would not allow them enough consistent time to run such a shop. They teamed with Hale, who handles the business side of their company and, together, they brewed the Teahaus concept.

What began as a Web site introducing exotic tea flavors quickly turned into a business offering tea parties.

But these are not your average tea parties, Hatchett explains.

They offer parties for women only, men and women and even children — with decaffeinated teas.

Basically, there are hundreds of ways to throw a tea party and Teahaus is out to explore them all.

The women see tea as appropriate of any setting, from bridal showers to kids' birthday parties to holiday fiestas. Hatchett has had a few tea parties in her Andover home and says others can reap the health and social benefits of tea drinking.

"I could definitely see it catching on. I don't think there is anything like that around," she said. "These parties are nice ways to get people together."

The bulk of the Teahaus business comes from the people who decide to partner with the company and throw parties of their own, by becoming Teahaus consultants. The concept mimics the classic



Tupperware-style

gatherings. Free agents throw a party — friends invite friends, tea is tasted and products sold. There are gift baskets, and unique looking teacups and metal pots along with a few dozen flavors of tea. The party-thrower earns 25 percent of sales and everyone enjoys flavorful warm beverages, said the Teahaus owners.

"They see how much we sell, and that triggers them," Hatchett said. "You start with your friends and family. It's just really word of mouth. Once they taste the tea, they are hooked."

The Teahaus gals are also available to put on a parties. The believe their party-planning capabilities stir in nicely with a variety of warm beverages.

Unisex tea parties with alcoholic beverages have become more and more popular. Tea and champagne or tea and vodka are typical crowd pleasers, they said.

"It makes the parties much more interesting," Hatchett said.

"So, why not?" added Rodrigues.

But why should the grown ups have all the fun? Children's parties come complete with feather boas, pink tea and party favors. There are also kid-approved flavors.

"We try to cater to everyone, and bubble gum (flavor) is appealing to children. And it is caffeine-free," Rodrigues said.

Teahaus is also sold wholesale to some of the upscale and trendy restaurants in Boston, such as 33 and Lucca, she said.

"We say we are redefining the way of tea," said Rodrigues.

For more information on Teahaus check out www.teahaus.com.



Dee Rodrigues and Krystal Hatchett, an Andover resident, formed Teahaus, a business offering catered tea parties and tea products.

Residents win national award for ice cream

Mad Maggie's owners take top prize for chocolate ice cream, second for vanilla

A local ice-cream stand got in some good licks on some national competition recently. At the Nov. 20 awards banquet concluding the National Ice Cream Retailers Association 71st annual convention in Orlando, Fla., Mad Maggie's Homemade Ice Cream was awarded a Blue Ribbon (first place) for their chocolate ice cream, and a Red Ribbon (runner up) for their vanilla ice cream. Mad Maggie's is owned and operated by Andover residents Steve and Maggie Reppucci. Their store is located near the Andover town line at 327 Main St. (Route 28) in North Reading.

"We're thrilled to have been recognized by other NICRA members for producing high quality ice cream," said Maggie Reppucci, co-owner of Mad Maggie's. "Considering that this is just our second year in the business, and our first entry in this competition, it's flattering to hear our name mentioned alongside some of the most prestigious and well recognized

national brands in the country."

Manufacturers and retailers from around the country submitted samples for the annual contest. For the 2004 competition, samples were analyzed by a team of dairy experts under the direction of Dr. Ronald H. Schmidt, University of Florida, Gainesville, and judged in a laboratory environment for a wide range of quality indicators: flavor, body, texture, color, bacterial counts, and butterfat percentages.

"When we started Mad Maggie's, we agreed that our goal wasn't to just sell ice cream — we wanted to be known for producing the best," said Steve Reppucci, co-owner and "head creamsmith."

About NICRA

NICRA is a trade association of independent ice cream manufacturers, retailers, suppliers, franchisees, and franchisers from around the United States, Canada, and several other countries.



Andover residents Steve and Maggie Reppucci

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Sports

WARRIOR FOOTBALL

Most wins in 29 years is the consolation prize

With loss in Chelmsford, Warriors' 10-1 record doesn't earn them a shot at a Super Bowl berth

By Rick Harrison

THE BOTTOM LINE, folks, is very impressive. And, after a week to reflect on its accomplishments, the Andover High varsity football team is justifiably proud of its 10-1 season.

The most wins for AHS on the gridiron in 29 years.

It should have been good enough to earn a spot in the playoffs. Few Massachusetts high school football teams win 10 of 11 games and don't get a shot at a Super Bowl berth.

The Golden Warriors, one of the unfortunate minority, did their part on Thanksgiving Day by beating stubborn Central Catholic, 22-13, before an estimated 2,800 fans on an unseasonably balmy morning at Lovely Field.

But, as co-athletic director Brian McNally stood poised to jump into a car and drive to Chelmsford for a coin flip to determine the Merrimack Valley Conference representative for the MIAA playoffs — word came down that the trip wouldn't be necessary.

Chelmsford rallied from an eight-point deficit to edge Billerica, 20-14 in overtime, thus completing its third straight undefeated MVC season and clinching both the title and the Eastern Mass. Division 1A berth.

Although Andover finished with the best overall record among the nine conference teams, Chelmsford (9-2) had the top league mark of 8-0 while second-place Andover closed at 7-1.

The Lions defeated Middlesex League champ Melrose, 22-19, in a playoff semifinal Tuesday night at Chelsea High, advancing to this weekend's MIAA Division 1A Super Bowl Game (site TBA today) against Acton-Boxboro which edged Newton North, 21-14, for its 49th straight victory in the other semifinal playoff.

Chelmsford's win was its 10th in a row, and seventh consecutive by seven points or less, as the Lions duplicated their triumph over Andover by erasing a 19-15 deficit with the clinching touchdown just 20 seconds from game's end.

Farnham honored

Multi-talented AHS junior wideout/defensive back/kick returner Buddy Farnham received two distinct and prestigious honors earlier this week.

He was informed he has been selected as an All-Scholastic, and 24 hours later at the annual MVC All-Conference/All-Star meeting the coaches voted Farnham the overall Most Valuable Player of the Merrimack Valley Confer-

ence for 2004.

Farnham's main competition came from Dracut High senior quarterback Tim Dillon, who threw for 2,502 yards and 17 touchdowns, rushed for 546 yards (3,048 all-purpose yards) and scored 84 points on 12 touchdowns and 12 conversion points.

Farnham justifiably got the nod, however, because he plays both ways very effectively. He virtually never comes off the field and his team finished 10-1 while Dracut was 4-7.

Dillon was named the conference Offensive Player of the Year instead, and Lowell's Nick Dokos got the Defensive Player of the Year.

Andover's other All-Conference and All-Star honorees will be listed in a future *Townsmen* edition.

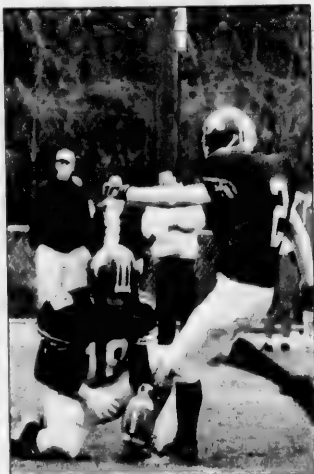


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Matching the Patriots' 10-1 record (to date) means the Warriors had nothing to kick about at the end of their season. Above, Mike Lattari holds the ball for sophomore placekicker Ken Masse during the fourth quarter for an extra-point attempt. Masse broke a school record with his first-quarter field goal, his sixth 3-pointer of the year.

good people — who played with their hearts and left every ounce of energy on the field in every game," noted Maglio.

"The coaching staff of Joe Marinaro, Pat Finn, Glenn Verette, Mark Farnham, Ken Pelletier, Bob Fitzmaurice, Gary Freker and Brad Yount spent a lot of hours over and above to make the team successful.

"Dan Harrington did a lot of behind the scenes work for our kids and all the fall sports teams, while Brian McNally and Maureen Morrison (athletic director's office) were very supportive," added Maglio.

"We did what we had to on Thanksgiving and held out hope for a Billerica victory. 10-1. Not too shabby!"

Inches and seconds

Coach Maglio's Golden Warriors missed a shot at their first Super Bowl since 1975 by seven seconds and several inches, the time and distance involved in a controversial last-gasp TD by Chelmsford quarterback Eddie Rich in the Lions 19-16 victory on Nov. 16.

There will forever be an argument whether

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COURTESY PHOTO

Mighty — For the first time in the 22-year history of the Scott Heseltine Tournament, Andover teams have won in consecutive years. This year's champion Mite 1 team members are (sitting in the front row, from left): Will Sauerbrunn, Johnny Nossiff, Markie Campbell, Cam Keenan, Paul Russo and Conor O'Reilly. Second row, standing: Jack Harrington, John Oteri, Luke Glancy, Brian Sargent, Davis Rogers, Brad Durling and Max Prawdzik. Back row: coaches Ray Durling, Paul Russo, Chris O'Reilly, John Keenan and Dan Prawdzik. Missing from photo: Doug Benson.

22nd annual Scott Heseltine Mite 1 invitational tournament

A lasting bond

Andover hockey tourney remembers one of its own

By Judy Wakefield

SCOTT HESELTINE SHOULD BE celebrating his 41st birthday today and most likely would have been celebrating by playing hockey or coaching it.

Instead, his brother, Andover police detective Charlie Heseltine, dropped the ceremonial first puck at a local hockey tournament last weekend held in honor of his late brother.

A tragic car accident cut Scott's life short back in 1982 when he was just 18 and one of the three hockey-playing Heseltine boys from Argyle Street. Also killed in the crash was another Andover teen, Michael Darwin, who was good friends with Scott as they both attended Austin Preparatory School in Reading.

It's been 22 years since that car crash and longtime friends and relatives in town will never forget it. Every one of those years has remembered Scott with an annual hockey tournament hosted by Andover Youth Hockey. Held at Phillips Academy rink, the three-day tournament attracted teams from eight communities, including

Andover.

Purposely held every weekend after Thanksgiving as the holiday season kicks off and families are typically making plans for get-togethers, the tournament is for local 7 and 8-year-old hockey players who are on the AHA's Mite 1 team.

Andover's team won this year's tournament (see sidebar story, below), but the smiles were bittersweet for the head coach as he grew up in town and skated with Scott in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"We were teammates in the learn-to-skate program and went up to the Bantams together. We were often on the same team and his father coached," said Chris O'Reilly of Andover. "This tournament has always been special for me and I have always gone."

O'Reilly was thrilled with his team's victory in the only hockey tournament held in Andover. But this tournament is about much more than winning a hockey game. Its emotional side pulled at many heartstrings in the overflowing bleachers.

There was the puck-dropping by



Scott Heseltine playing hockey in Andover in 1978.

Charlie and the locker room scene after the final game where his dad, George Heseltine Sr., shook each player's hand and presented them with a trophy. It was a scene reminiscent of the 20-plus years he coached hockey in Andover and was known for saluting good sportsmanship as well as those tough wrap-around goals. The elder Heseltine was a longtime town resident who moved to Maine last year.

"The parents were just great. They are so supportive of this tournament, and me and my father and the rest of our family appreciate it," said Charlie Heseltine, who also lives in Andover.

He said the tournament is always emotional as many of Scott's friends are now 40-something dads still in town with sons and daughters playing hockey. Last year, Charlie was the head coach of the Mite 1 team while O'Reilly is a longtime friend.

"His late father, Dr. O'Reilly, used to take care of us and our parents were good friends," Charlie Heseltine said.

"Hockey... it's a bond that lasts," O'Reilly said simply. "My family still remembers those days."

Parent Gabrielle Nossiff of Andover, whose son Johnny has played in the tournament for the past two years, said parents are thrilled to be a part of the tournament.

"It's such a special youth hockey experience and spirited community event...the bleachers overflowed," she said. "This was a group of boys pumped with passion and determination to skate hard."

They sure did, as Andover won the championship game last Sunday with a 3-2 score, making it the fifth time the Andover team has won the Heseltine Tournament in its 22-year history. This year's team was considered an underdog so the big win was even sweeter.

The memory of Scott Heseltine — who was nicknamed "Zambi" when he was 10-years-old and playing on a Squirt team because he fell on the ice a lot and reminded teammates of a Zamboni — lives on in Andover.

"We'll never forget him," O'Reilly said.

Mite 1's win 22nd annual Heseltine championship

First time in tournament's history that Andover wins in back-to-back years

The Andover Mite 1's (age 7 and 8) captured the 22nd Annual Scott Heseltine Tournament Championship on Sunday afternoon before a large crowd at Harrison Rink, defeating Marblehead 3-2 in a double-overtime shootout.

Sunday's championship game was the longest game in the tournament's storied 22-year history and marked the first time Andover has won the title in consecutive years. The tournament, held over Thanksgiving weekend at Phillips Academy, is hosted by the Andover Hockey Association in memory of Scott Heseltine.

This year the Andover Mite 1 team hosted teams from Beverly, Marblehead, Masconomet, North Andover, North Reading, Tewksbury, and Wakefield.

On Friday, Scott Heseltine's older brother, Charlie, dropped the ceremonial first puck to kick off festivities as Andover began the tournament with a 4-2 win over North Andover. The neighboring Knights came out flying, putting Andover in a 2-0 hole just four minutes into the game with goals by George Sennott and Derek Zahoruiko. Andover responded with one minute remaining in the first period, as John Oteri scored with assists to Johnny Nossiff and Markie Campbell. Cam Keenan evened the score on a one-timer on a nifty feed from Conor O'Reilly two minutes into the third period, while Nossiff gave the locals a 3-2 lead with an



COURTESY PHOTO

The Andover Mite 1's were victorious in Sunday's championship game, the longest in tournament history, after a second overtime period, a best-of-5 shootout round, saw them capture a thrilling 3-2 win.

assist from Oteri two minutes later. O'Reilly closed out the 4-2 win with a nice wrap-around with five minutes left in the game and the defensive crew of Luke Glancy, Max Prawdzik, Davis Rogers, and Brian Sargent kept the Knights offense in check. Will Sauerbrunn finished with 16 saves in goal.

On Saturday, the Mite 1's defeated North Reading by an identical 4-2 score. Oteri opened the scoring 10 minutes into the contest with assists to Nossiff and Campbell. Doug Benson extended the lead to 2-0 three minutes into the second period, crashing the net and putting home a rebound of a Brad Durling shot. Andover put relentless pressure on Hornet goalie Jonathan Parece, but the North Reading goaltender made several outstanding saves, eventually finishing with 22 for the game and frustrating the locals throughout. North Reading rallied as Jared Potter stuffed home a rebound of a Daniel

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PHOTO BY JON MAUS

Andover fans were out in force for their school's annual matchup last Thursday against Central Catholic at Lovely Field. AHS came out on top in the Warriors' season-capping win, 22-13.

GAME SUMMARY

ANDOVER 22, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 13 at Lovely Field, Andover				
Central Catholic	0	7	0	13
Andover	3	6	7	22
First Quarter				
A: Larry Masse 23 field goal				
Second Quarter				
CC: Josh Pelletier 19 pass from Jeff St. Onge (Nick Staropoli kick)				
A: Buddy Farnham 33 pass from Geoff Stevens (kick wide)				
Third Quarter				
A: Stevens 2 run (kick failed)				
Fourth Quarter				
CC: Dan Burke 5 pass from St. Onge (rush failed)				
A: Stevens 1 run (Masse kick)				
Team Statistics				
First Downs: Andover 13; Central Catholic 9				
Rushes/Yards: Andover 41-230; Central Catholic 26-60				
Passing: Andover 2-8-1, 55 yards, TD; Central Catholic 9-17-0, 124 yards, 2 TDs				
Sacks/Yards Lost: Andover 0-0; Central Catholic 1-(-3)				
Total Yards: Andover 285; Central Catholic 184				
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 0-0; Central Catholic 1-0				
Punts-Ave: Andover 1-37; Central Catholic 4-21.3				
Punt Return Ave: Andover 2-15.5; Central Catholic 0-0				
Kickoff Return Ave: Andover 3-19.3; Central Catholic 5-16.8				
Penalties/Yards: Andover 4-20; Central Catholic 6-40				
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 53; Central Catholic 50				
Time of Possession: Andover 21:29; Central Catholic 23:31				
Final Records: Andover 10-1, Central Catholic 3-7				
Individual Statistics				
Rushing: A: Matt Hennessy 23-159; Mike Muccio 4-41; Shaheen Ghandchi 6-11; Geoff Stevens 8-19, 2 TDs. CC: Chris Morales 9-19; Anthony Giffordia 5-16; Jeff St. Onge 7-14; Zack Szymanski 2-9; Nick Muzerall 3-8; John Ead 1-(-1)				
Passing: A: Geoff Stevens 2-8-1, 55 yards, TD. CC: Jeff St. Onge 9-17-0, 124 yards, 2 TDs				
Receiving: A: Buddy Farnham 2-55, TD. CC: Josh Pelletier 3-38, TD; Zack Szymanski 2-32; Mike Savastano 2-20; Nick Muzerall 1-6; Dan Burke 1-5, TD				
Interceptions: CC: Mike Loomis 1				
Fumble Recoveries: None				
Sacks By: A: Mike Fortier 1				
Tackles (solo & assisted): A: John Fox 12; Shaheen Ghandchi 9; Mike Muccio 9; Tommy White 8; Buddy Farnham 7; Dan Vining 6; Kyle MacKenzie 5; Matt Hennessy 5; Mike Gustin 4; Matt Quinlan 3; Peter Burke-Wallace 2; Pat Kelley 1; Billy Borden 1; Pardeep Thandi 1; Kenny Masse 1; Quincy Torres 1; Mike Anderson 1; Mike Fortier 1				

'MOST SPIRITED'



COURTESY: KIMMO

8th Grade Cheerleaders win Trophy — The Andover Junior Football League eighth-grade travel cheerleading team placed "Most Spirited" at the New England Regional Cheerleading Competition in Londonderry, N.H. on Nov. 21. This was the first competition for the squad and coaches said they scored and performed impressively. Pictured here with their trophy (in no particular order) are members of the team: Jacqui Algiers, Malina Andre, Blair Beasley, Meredith Bilodeau, Ally Bruce, Karissa Bucci, Ali Caroli, Ashley Coffey, Michelle Conway, Sarah Donahue, Heather Jimenez, Jamie Krivelow, Katie LaBatte, Nicole Lauria, Chrystal Martinez, Betsy McGovern, Alyssa Silva, Amanda Spinale and Kelly Sullivan. Coaches are Alex Avila and Janell Lauria. Missing from photo: Christine Harvey. The girls will compete again Sunday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. in the "All-Stars Cheer Challenge" at Fitchburg High School. All are welcome to come see the girls perform and "cheer" them to victory.

FEASTER FIVE ROAD RACE



PHOTO BY FRANK J. LEONE JR. / SPECIAL TO THE TOWNSMAN

Hollywood star Matt Damon, left, and his dad, Kent Damon, smile before the Feaster Five road race, Thanksgiving morning. Kent Damon grew up in Andover and graduated from Andover High, which was the reason Matt chose to run in Andover for his first official road race. He ran the 5K while his dad ran the 5-miler (8K). Matt plans to run the Boston Marathon in the spring.

FEASTER FIVE ROAD RACE 5K RESULTS

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OVERALL PLACE	GUN LOCAL TIME RUNNER	NET TIME
2439	46:42 BRIAN MURRAY	44:06
2440	50:21 HILARY RICH	44:06
2441	50:20 MELISSA KNAPP	44:07
2442	51:56 SHELBY PUSTIS	44:11
2443	47:37 ANNE HARTMAN	44:12
2444	47:46 DREW FARRIS	44:24
2445	49:15 BERNARD LEED	44:37
2446	52:31 KENNETH PUSTIS	44:46
2447	52:31 ABBIE PUSTIS	44:50
2448	48:58 ANDREA TUTTMAN	44:52
2449	48:58 ALAN TUTTMAN	44:52
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Paul Bushey of Watertown ran the Feaster Five Road Race with (fake) chains around his wrists, announcing his upcoming wedding next month.



AHS grad Lia Pallotta receives a pie from AHS students Ana Maier and Jess Haskin, who handed out pies to the Feaster Five runners at the finish.



About 7,000 people moved forward at the start of the Feaster Five Road Race on North Main Street. Runners worked up an appetite for the pie that each received at the finish line, to cap off their Thanksgiving dinners later in the day.

Opening tap for ACBL games is this Saturday

The Andover Church Basketball League will launch its 59th season with a slate of 24 games this Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Andover High Field House courts.

A record turnout of close to 600 players will participate on 53 teams this winter, including a pair of 7th- and 8th-grade girls travel teams coordinated by Dick Muller.

"The pipeline for Andover High basketball continues to expand," noted longtime ACBL director Bob French, who has coordinated this fruitful feeder system for several decades.

Andover churches and temples with teams competing in one or more divisions this winter include St. Augustine, St. Robert's, West Parish, Temple Emanuel, Christ, South, Free, North Parish and Sts. Constantine & Helen.

Games will be held simultaneously on four AHS Field House courts from noon to 6 p.m. in the Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Intermediate Girls, Intermediate Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Boys Divisions.

AHS girls soccer team members

Soccer trio honored

By Rick Harrison

Andover High girls soccer junior midfielder Emily Pallotta is among an elite group of nine athletes from Eastern Massachusetts who have been named to the 2004 All-New England Team.

Pallotta and all-time AHS scoring leader Jackie Powers, a senior forward, were also chosen Eastern Mass. Coaches Association Division 1 All-Stars.

There are 24 players on the Division 1 team and only five, including Pallotta, are underclassmen.

All first-team selections are also designated as All-State players.

Lady Warriors' senior goalkeeper Micaela Smith was picked for the Division 1 second team.

The trio of AHS honorees paced the locals to the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championship and a 15-3-1 record this fall.

Powers tied the girls soccer single-season school record for goals with 26, set a new mark for points in a year with 41, and became the first player in AHS history (male or female) to record 100 career points. She ended with 75 goals and 34 assists for 109 points over four seasons.

Pallotta established a new team mark for assists in a season with 20, and she also netted 14 goals for 34 total points.

Pallotta has 26 goals and 39 assists for 65 points after three seasons.

Smith, who along with Powers was a team captain, had one solo shutout and shared six others with Kara Bularzik.

The pair also had a streak of 501 consecutive minutes without allowing a goal.

For her three-year AHS varsity soccer career, Smith boasted four complete-game shutouts while combining for 11 more.

During the past three years Pallotta, Powers and Smith have helped AHS to an overall won-lost-tied record of 44-11-9.

Andover hosted the annual Coaches Association Senior All-Star Game recently at Lovely Field.

Powers and Pallotta began practices for the AHS girls varsity basketball team this past Monday.

Both were members of Andover's first-ever Massachusetts State Division 1 championship hoop team in 2002-03, which finished 24-1 overall and nipped Minnechaug Regional 48-47 in the title game at the Worcester Centrum.

They were also integral parts of last year's subsequent 20-6 state runner-up edged by Minnechaug 40-39 in the final game at the FleetCenter.

LOCAL ATHLETES

The Andover Blue Devils were winners of the Division 1 U-14 girls North Andover Columbus Weekend Tournament. The girls played five games



through out the weekend and won the final game against North Andover in a double overtime and shootout. First row: Jeanette Doucette, Emily Selwyn, Laura Cody, Wendy Pollack, Alison Davey, Sarah Ostrofsky, Gina LaRose, Taryn Konevich. Second row: Tori Wilmarth, Jennifer Johnson, Rebecca Lindmark, Jillian Quinn, Julie Dugan, Alexandra Bengston, Satin Zarkar, Rachel Trotta, Emme Arnsen. Coaches: Bob Bengston and John Dugan.

Andover Lightning U12 girls took second place in the Essex County Youth Soccer Association's Pingree tournament. Pictured are (first row, from left):



Tori Markus, Natalie Sousa, Elizabeth LeCain, Danielle Lauretano, CJ Rayner, Julia Caffey, Sandra Lewis and Caroline Dykstra. Second row: Coach Tom Timmins, Caroline Leed, Danielle Landy, Annie Arnsen, Rebecca Marton, Rebecca Puntoni, Kaleigh Timmins, Andrea Manning, Kayla Kantola and Coach Arthur Lauretano.

Number of records: 1,030
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HESELTINE TOURNEY Mite 1's are champions

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O'Toole breakaway shot, making it a 2-1 Andover lead entering the third period.

The Mite 1's eventually broke through with two goals in the third as Nossiff scored two minutes into the period with assists to Oteri and Campbell and then Oteri extended the lead to 4-1 midway through the third with his linemates Campbell and Nossiff each picking up assists. North Reading's Ben Schille tallied late on a feed from Andrew Deroche but time expired, completing the 4-2 Andover victory.

The championship game on Sunday pitted the locals against a high-powered Marblehead lineup that averaged nine goals per game coming into the tournament. Several longtime observers have cited this year's championship game as the most exciting single game in the Heselstine Tournament's 22-year history.

Andover got on the board early as O'Reilly put home a rebound of a Paul Russo shot off a Keenan pass just two minutes into the contest, giving the locals a 1-0 lead. Andover's defense corps of Glancy, Prawdzik, Rogers and Sargent, along with Sauerbrunn in goal, stymied the high-octane Marblehead offense on several opportune chances until the 'Headers broke through with two minutes remaining in the second period. Teddy McNamara scored with assists to Cam McDonald and Miles Barry to send the game into the third period tied 1-1.

Andover took a 2-1 lead with five minutes remaining in regulation as Durling one-timed a beautiful

feed from Jack Harrington off a Keenan pass. The lead was short lived, as Marblehead's McDonald scored on a breakaway with just 1:27 left in regulation, sending the game into a 10-minute sudden death overtime, tied 2-2.

Both teams had a number of scoring chances during the overtime, but goalies Sauerbrunn and Marblehead's Cooper Lev each made several outstanding saves, and time expired with the game still deadlocked, 2-2. The game then went to a second overtime period, a best-of-5 shootout round.

Marblehead's McNamara opened by scoring with a backhand goal, but Andover's Sargent answered right away with a top-shelf goal to tie it, 1-1. The next shooter for each team was denied by goalies Sauerbrunn and Lev, but then Marblehead's Tom Koopman gave the 'Headers a 2-1 shootout edge. Andover's Nossiff immediately responded with the equalizer with a beautiful fake move to tie the shootout, 2-2.

Both teams' fourth shooters were denied by great saves by the opposing goalies, as was the fifth shooter from Marblehead on a terrific stick save by Andover's Sauerbrunn. This set the stage for Brad Durling's championship-winning shootout goal just inside the left post, giving Andover a 3-2 victory and sending the Andover crowd into complete bedlam. Including the shootout round, Will Sauerbrunn finished the game with 30 saves.

The tournament closed with George Heselstine, Scott's dad, presenting each player with an individual trophy as a show of appreciation for participating in the event.

—Chris O'Reilly

Andover Youth Services sets spring lacrosse registration times

The Andover Youth Services Youth Lacrosse registration for spring 2005 is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Doherty Middle School Auditorium. Andover Youth Lacrosse is entering its ninth season of fun and fast-paced action.

The program provides boys and girls in third through eighth grades the opportunity to learn the game lacrosse and offer games against neighboring towns.

Get geared up and ready for the spring lax season. Space is limited on all teams and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no pre-registration. Andover Youth Lacrosse is run by volunteer coaches and help from parents.

"We are always in need of coaches for AYS Spring Youth Lacrosse. If you have any experience coaching lacrosse or played in college, come on down and give us a hand — we need your help," said Glenn Wilson, AYS program coordinator.

Call AYS at 978-623-8241 or stop by the office on the third floor of Town Offices if interested.

Warriors over Central, 22-13

■ THANKSGIVING DAY

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Rich's knee touched the ground before he dove the final few inches to the end zone on the winning touchdown.

In the season finale against Central, AHS senior quarterback Geoff Stevens scored his team-high 10th and 11th touchdowns on two- and one-yard sneaks, and he also hooked up with junior wide receiver Buddy Farnham on a sensational 33 yard pass play for another score.

Farnham made a leaping grab between a pair of Central defenders at the visiting Raiders' three yard line, causing the two CCHS players to collide and fall to the mud-slicked Lovely Field turf as Farnham stepped triumphantly into the end zone.

Sophomore placekicker Ken Masse opened the scoring with a record-shattering first-quarter field goal, his sixth three-pointer of 2004.

This was Central's "worst" loss of the season, as their previous six defeats came by eight points or less.

This also snapped a brief two-game CCHS win streak on Turkey Day — and was only the third Thanksgiving victory for AHS since 1990.

Records fall

Several individual and team single-season and career records were beaten or approached during the win over Central.

• Matt Hennessy, recipient of the Christopher Morrison Game MVP Trophy, became the all-time career rushing leader at AHS with more than 2,100 yards after piling up 159 on 23 carries in this contest.

"Matt finally made it to a Thanksgiving game (injuries the previous two years) and made the most of it," said coach Maglio. He was also the WCCM (Radio) Player of the Game.

• Sophomore placekicker Kenny Masse booted a 23 yard field goal, his sixth three-pointer of the season (perfect 6-for-6) to eclipse the previous record of five in a year set by Charlie Ziegenbein in 1983.

• Buddy Farnham snared his 44th and 45th receptions of the season, boosting his career total to 101 to place him second on the all-time AHS list. He trails only current Golden Warriors assistant coach Glenn Verrette who had 109 from 1973-75. Farnham has all next season to break the record.

• Andover High won 10 football games for the first time since 1975.

Seesaw struggle

"Our goal was to win this game," said MVP Hennessy. "We couldn't worry about what was happening in Chelmsford. Our focus had to be here

and if it worked out over there, great. "We knew coming in this could be our last game of the season. We wanted to come out hard," added the bulldog-tough back.

Andover had outstanding field position virtually all morning, thanks to the slippery turf and swirling wind that wreaked havoc on the Central kicking game.

Andover punter Mike Lattari, although he only had to kick once, pressed Central's back to the wall with a terrific 37 yard boot that rolled dead inside the Raiders 10 yard line.

"He's the best punter in the league," said Maglio. "Mike has done that for us all year. He put one on the 1-yard line and against Chelmsford he placed a kick on their 7 late in the game."

A short 11 yard punt by Central set AHS up at the Raiders' 46 yard line on the winners' first possession.

Hennessy, game-high rusher with 159 yards on 23 carries, alternated short gainers with Shaheen Ghandchi while Stevens also hit Farnham with a 22-yard pass for his 100th career catch.

After an illegal procedure penalty and incomplete pass stalled the march, Masse stepped back and drilled his sixth field goal of the season from 23 yards out.

With perfect execution by snapper Pat Kelley and holder Mike Lattari helping out, Masse's boot gave the locals a 3-0 lead 6:47 into the game.

Another short, partially-deflected punt traveled only 15 yards and set the Blue and Gold up on Central's side of the 50 once again.

Four Hennessy runs for 35 yards, including a 20-yard jaunt, had Andover threatening at the Central nine early in the second quarter.

But Central defensive back Mike Loomis intercepted a Stevens pass five yards deep in the end zone, carrying the ball out to the Raiders' 26.

Not only did the pick end the Andover bid, it launched a 10-play, 74-yard march by Central highlighted by a pair of passes from QB Jeff St. Onge (9-for-17, 124 yards, two TDs) to Zack Szynanski covering 32 yards.

The payoff was a 19-yard TD pass to Josh Pelletier on a fourth-and-12 play, the perfect toss finding the diminutive CCHS split end in the back left corner of the end zone.

Nick Staropoli added the kick for a 7-3 Central lead at 6:58 of the second period.

Fancy footwork

After a Golden Warriors thrust died at the Central 20 following the kickoff, the locals got the ball back at the CCHS 37 with 50 seconds left in

the half after Farnham snaked his way 17 yards on a punt return.

Two plays later Stevens lofted a 33 yard touchdown pass to Farnham, who made the sure-handed grab in double coverage with 17 seconds left before intermission (10:43).

It was the 11th TD pass of the fall for Stevens, and Farnham's seventh touchdown catch and his ninth TD overall.

Farnham (114 career points) now has 13 TD receptions in three years, and his seven this season were the most for an Andover gragger since Brett Hammond had eight in 1990. Pat Murnane also had seven in 1998.

John Perry is the leader in recent years with 13 in 1987, and he had 20 touchdown catches for his AHS career from 1985-'87.

"That touchdown was huge for them," said Central head coach Chuck Adamopoulos. "It's a different game if we're up 7-3 at half-time."

"We had two guys right there with him (Farnham) — but he still goes up and gets the ball. I've seen him enough to know he makes those plays all the time."

The lead remained 9-7 after the PAT kick (slick footing for Masse) sailed wide to the right.

Farnham returned the second-half kickoff 21 yards, to the AHS 45, and was one tackler from breaking off a 75 yard TD run.

The locals then went 55 yards in nine running plays for their second touchdown, the key carry a bullish 30 yard rumble up the middle by 220-pound fullback Mike Muccio on a third-and-7 play from the Central 39.

Four snaps later, on fourth-and-goal, Stevens snuck over from the two to make it 15-7 at 4:41 of the third quarter.

Hennessy appeared to score on the previous play, winding up in the end zone after fighting his way across the goal line from four yards out. But the officials blew the whistle to kill the ball at the two.

Hanging tough

Central refused to go away, taking Masse's ensuing kickoff and marching 53 yards on 14 plays to move back within two points.

Short runs by Nick Muzerall, Chris Morales and Anthony Giuffrida, along with a fourth-and-2 conversion by quarterback St. Onge, preceded a five yard feather toss from St. Onge to a tumbling Dan Burke in the end zone to make it 15-13 on the second play of the fourth quarter.

Central attempted to crash the left side of the AHS defensive line for the tying two-point conversion rush, but

ballcarrier Morales was stormed under by a host of AHS tacklers including John Fox, Tommy White and Muccio.

The rivals then traded punts before Andover produced the insurance TD with less than four minutes left.

Andover needed only five running plays from the Raiders 30, three by Hennessy with the big one for 21 yards on first down.

On fourth and goal, Stevens knifed over from the one for his 66th point of the season and 114th of his AHS career.

Masse's 26th PAT kick made it 22-13 at 7:05 and left Central needing two scores to tie or win the game.

The 26 extra-point kicks were the most since 1992 when Scott Henry booted 27. It is also the third most in AHS history for a single season.

Central had one last gasp after the kickoff, but surrendered the ball at its own 29 after starting at the 10 and making one first down.

Defensively, John Fox finished with a team-high 12 tackles while Ghandchi and Muccio added nine each. White eight, Farnham seven, Dan Vining 6, Kyle MacKenzie and Hennessy five apiece.

Stats & Facts

• In 11 games Stevens completed 72-of-148 passes (48 percent) for 1,097 yards and 11 touchdowns (17 for his career) ...

• The elusive Farnham had 45 grabs for 845 yards and seven TDs this fall ...

• Hennessy and Ghandchi rushed for 901 and 739 yards respectively this season ...

• Among the former AHS athletes spotted in the crowd were Brian Tisbert, Steve Vickers, Joe Iarrobino, Dave Blank, John McDonald and Peter Reilly ...

• Other AHS sideline notables lauded by coach Maglio were trainer Heather Stewart, statisticians David Gangi, Bill Fleischmann, Steve Bellegrini and Jay Darrin, video crewmen Jack Gleason, George Walsh and photographers Ron Kearn and Phil Capodilupo.

Seniors are winners

Among the seniors playing their final game for the Blue and Gold were Geoff Stevens, Matt Hennessy, Shaheen Ghandchi, Mike Muccio, John Fox, Nathan Wiech, Matt Quinlan, Kyle MacKenzie, Quincy Torres, Peter Burke-Wallace, Mike Anderson, Mike Gustin, Mike Lattari, Pardeep Thandi, Mike Cerchione, Billy Borden and Matt Martin.

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Case No. 303532
To Tej P. Sharma:
Veena Sharma and all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Sovereign Bank claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 10 Wedgewood Drive given by Tej P. Sharma and Veena Sharma to First Essex Bank, FSB, dated March 1, 1997, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4705, Page 288 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Boston on or before the 27th day of December, 2004, or

you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.
Witness KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 15th day of November, 2004.
Ann-Marie J. Breuer
Deputy Recorder
December 2, 2004

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate And Family Court Department ESSEX Division Docket No.

04P2811EP1

In the Estate of CARMELINA GRIECO AKA CARMELINA M. GRIECO
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death October 17, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD GRIECO of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX and EDNA G. THOMAS of N. ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executors, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 20, 2004.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, November 15, 2004.

Pamela Casey
O'Brien Register of Probate Court
December 2, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEEDING



On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the Andover Cable Advisory Committee will hold a public proceeding on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, 3rd floor conference room concerning the Town of Andover cable television license renewal process and the Comcast license due

to expire in June, 2007. This proceeding is held pursuant to federal law 47 USC 546 to ascertain cable-related needs and interests as part of the license renewal process. The public is invited to provide oral or written comments regarding future cable services and issues that need to be addressed during license renewal negotiations. For additional information or to submit written material, contact Anthony Torrisi, Andover Cable Advisory Committee, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810. The Issuing Authority through its Cable Committee has conducted previous public renewal meetings pursuant to 47 USC 546 and 207 CMR 3. December 2 & 9, 2004

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department Essex Division Docket No.

03P2187EP1

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of ISABEL E. BRADY late of ANDOVER, Essex County. You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the FIRST AND FINAL account of CAROL R. DOB- BYN as EXECUTOR (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance. If you desire to preserve your right to

file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the **thirteenth day of December, 2004**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, JOHN C. STEVENS, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this eighth day of November, 2004.
Pamela Casey
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December 2, 2004

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Wiled Realty Trust for a 10-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Merri-

mack Estates" located 459 River Road on property owned by Society of Friars Minor Order of St. Francis, and being more specifically identified as Lot 5 on Assessors' Map 229. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Paul Salafia, Chairman
November 25, December 2, 2004

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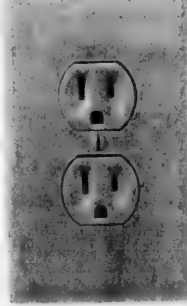
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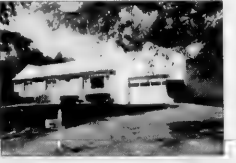
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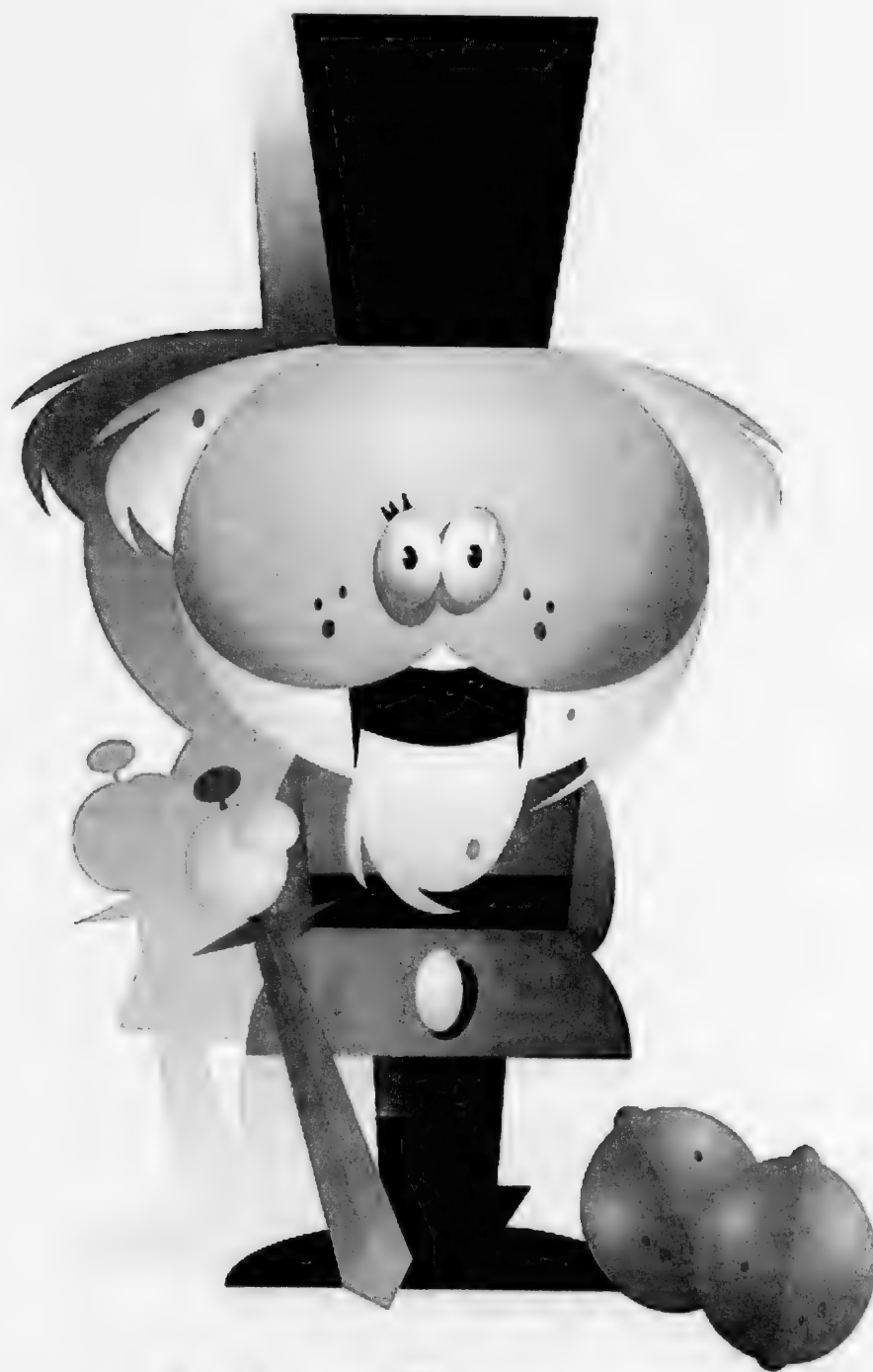
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Falling snow, 200 costumes seen through Prism

Dance Prism will present its 22nd annual production of *The Nutcracker*, the most traditional of holiday presentations, at the Collins Center in Andover on Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19. Other stops on the Massachusetts touring schedule included Jackson Arts Center, Bristol Community College in Fall River on Nov. 28, and will include Littleton's Performing Arts Center on Dec. 5, and Mechanics Hall in Worcester on Dec. 12.

Dance Prism, founded by Scott Ranagan and Mary Demaso, has performed throughout New England since 1982. Dance Prism's *Nutcracker* production brings to the stage falling snow, a growing Christmas tree, a reindeer-drawn sleigh, and angels floating on billowing clouds. It features a cast of 140 performers from five states, including both the professional dancers and a cadre of children who tour with the troupe. Dancing to Tchaikovsky's beloved music are all the familiar *Nutcracker* figures: crystal snowflakes and candy flowers, soaring Russian dancers and exotic Arabians, giant mice and porcelain dolls.

The leading roles of the Sugarplum Fairy and her Cavalier will be performed by veteran company principals Marina Flessas and David Webster. Steve Cormey, of North Andover, will play Snow King to



COURTESY PHOTO

The regional cast Carolers and Andover residents who will be performing in Dance Prism's Andover performances only are bottom, from left: Taylor Burns, Angelina Lionetta, MacKenzie Dalton, Nikki Shen, Emily Wivell, Samantha Rooks and Corin Volfson; second row, from left: Sydney Sauvageau, Emily Field, Cassie Kobelski, Ruby Mercure, and Stephanie Knepper; and, top row, from left: Rachel Donovan, Olivia Johnson and Jillian Thero.

principal Clarissa Eaton's Snow Queen, Kelly Gilroy and Brenda Lavin will alternate as Dewdrop Fairy, and Jonathan H. Towle will portray the magical Dr. Drosselmeyer, a role that he created in the original production.

Three young dancers from Andover will be appearing as part of the touring cast through-

out New England.

Brittany Carey will portray a Horn Angel and a mouse this year. This is Brittany's first year with Dance Prism, and she enjoys playing the piano and acoustic guitar when not dancing. She studies ballet at the Andover School of Ballet and is in the 11th grade.

Leah Cairns will dance as a Harp Angel and a mouse in the Touring Cast. Leah has been dancing with Dance Prism for seven years, and has appeared in other ballets such as *The Magic of Merlin* and *A Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland*. A eighth-grader at Woodhill Middle School, Leah also dances with

ABOUT THIS SECTION

The front part of this holiday section highlights town residents performing in *The Nutcracker*, and Andover dance productions. The information comes from dance studios and parents who responded to *Townsmen* requests for submissions, made in the paper during the past several weeks. The *Townsmen* groups all *Nutcracker* information in a special section each year.

Andover School of Ballet.

Dancing the part of a Soldier in the exciting battle scene is Michaela Voorhees. Michaela is also understudying the role of a bon-bon and is in her fourth year of dancing in *The Nutcracker* with Dance Prism. Also studying ballet at the Andover School of Ballet, Michaela is in the seventh grade at Doherty Middle School.

A large number of Andover ballet students are joining the cast of *The Nutcracker* for the Andover performances only. They are: Taylor Burns, MacKenzie Dalton, Rachel Donovan, Emily Field, Olivia Johnson, Stephanie Knepper, Cassie Kobelski, Angelina Lionetta, Ruby Mercure, Samantha Rooks, Sydney Sauvageau, Nikki Shen, Jillian Thero, Corin Volfson, and

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New England Civic Ballet will perform Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* right here at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on the Merrimack College campus in North Andover.

Several local dancers figure in this year's production. They include Sumi Matsumoto, Shayna Baglio, Jacquelyne DiTroia, Lily Daigle, Maria

Furnari, Meg and Peter Galvin.

New England Civic Ballet, a professional-caliber ballet company located in Lawrence, was founded in 1996 to bring high-quality ballet to the Merrimack Valley. Because it retains no base company, NECB casts the roles for their ballets through open audition or invitation.

This year, more than 90 dancers from communities and dance schools throughout northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire were selected to train for *The Nutcracker* under the artistic directors, Phyllis George and Roshni Pecora.

"The result is a rewarding learning experience that displays the dancers' talents and accomplishments and affords a

professional-quality performance of the ballet for their audience," said organizers, in a release.

Performances take place on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. A limited number of tickets for all performances are still available but are going fast at \$20 for adults and \$18 for children and senior citizens with group discounts available.

For ticket sales and information, call the studio at 978-975-0289 or charge tickets online at www.newenglandciviballet.org. After Dec. 5, people may purchase tickets at the Rogers Center during final rehearsals on Monday, Dec. 6 and Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.



Andover dancers in New England Civic Ballet's *Nutcracker*, pictured above are (from left) Sumi Matsumoto, Shayna Baglio, Jacquelyne DiTroia and Lily Daigle and, missing from the photo, Maria Furnari, and Meg and Peter Galvin.



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In the Albany Berkshire Ballet production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School on Dec. 4 and 5 are: **Tessabella Cammarata**, 8, performing as a Polichinelle; **Laura Davis**, 14, performing as a Soldier; and **Julia Kasparian**, 12, performing as a Mouse.

In the Phillips Academy production at the Tang Theatre at Phillips Academy, Andover on Dec. 3, 4 and 5 are: **Gabriella Cirelli**, 10, performing as a Chinese Dancer; **Jessica Frey**, 13,



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Students from the Andover School of Ballet will be performing in several different productions of *The Nutcracker*.

performing as a Candy Cane; **Katja Grober**, 10 performing as a Party Child; and **Emily Welsh**, 14, performing as a Candy Cane and Gingerbread.

In the New England Civic Ballet production at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack

College, North Andover, on Dec. 10, 11 and 12, is **Sumi Matsumoto**, 11, performing as a Mouse.

In the Northeast Youth Ballet production at the Chevalier Theatre, Medford, on Dec. 10, 11, 12, 18 and 19 are: **Sarah**

Eberth, 9, performing as a Cherub; **Lindsay Fague**, 13, performing as a Soldier; and **Mica Kanner-Mascolo**, 10, performing as a Soldier.

In the Dance Prism production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School on

Dec. 18 and 19, are several dancers. In this production, the students perform in a touring cast at venues in Andover, Concord, Littleton and Worcester, or in a local cast whose members perform their parts only in the Andover shows. These dancers are **Leah Cairns**, 14, performing as a Mouse, an Angel and a Candy Cane (in the touring cast); **Brittany Carey**, 16, performing as a Mouse and Angel (in the touring cast); **Michaela Voorhees**, 12, performing as a Soldier (in the touring cast); **Hannah Bowler**, 10, performing as an Angel; **Mackenzie Dalton**, 8, performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint; **Emily Field**, 9, performing as a Caroler; **Aileen Frotten**, 10, performing as a Caroler; **Maureen Frotten**, 7, performing as a Miniature doll; **Olivia Johnson**, 12, performing as a Caroler; **Cassie Kobelski**, 9, performing as a Caroler; **Ruby Mercure**, 10, performing as a Caroler; **Kelsy Scult**, 12, performing as an Angel; **Michela Smith**, 12, performing as an Angel; **Jillian Thero**, 10, performing as a Caroler; **Corin Volfson**, 8, performing as a Caroler; and **Emily Wivell**, 8, performing as a Caroler.

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Liversidge in *Not The Nutcracker*

17-year-old performs at BU this weekend

Tabitha Liversidge, 17, of Andover, will perform with Boston Youth Moves in the eighth annual *Not The Nutcracker* dance performances in the Tsai Performance Center at Boston University on Friday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2 and 8 p.m. Boston Youth Moves is a preprofessional dance-training program for teens based at the Jeannette Neill Dance Studio in Boston.

Tabitha studies dance with Boston Youth Moves for 15 hours a week and also studies at the Andover School of Ballet. She is a member of the Boston Youth Moves Level 4 Intensive Dance Company, performing three to four times per year in the Greater Boston area. She is a member of the senior class at Andover High School.

She has studied dance at the Andover School of Ballet since the age of 3 and is in her third year of study at Boston Youth Moves.



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As part of her dance training, Andover High School senior Tabitha Liversidge studies in Boston for 15 hours per week.

Danielle Marcotte dances as soldier

Danielle Marcotte (at right), a fifth-grader at West Elementary School, will be dancing in the Melrose Youth Ballet *Nutcracker* this year. She will dance as a soldier in the performance.

She takes dance at the Dance Infusion in Andover.



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Several young Andover residents will be taking the stage as part of the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of the Nutcracker.

Olivia Szendey will dance as a Mini-Mouse. This is her first Nutcracker experience. A third-grade student at West Elementary School, Olivia has been dancing with North Andover School of Dance for five years (see photo).

Jessica Ferronetti, a third-grade student at West Elementary School, will also be performing in the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production. She has been dancing at Dance Infusion for six years (see photo).

Stephi Knepper and Delanie Sawyer will appear as Polichinelles.



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From left, Stephi Knepper and Delanie Sawyer will perform in this year's production of *The Nutcracker* with the Albany Berkshire Ballet as Polichinelles. Stephi and Delanie have been dancing together at the Studio for Dance in North Reading for the last five years. Stephi is a third-grader at South Elementary School and Delanie is a second-grader at High Plain Elementary.



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Jessica Ferronetti, a third-grade student at West Elementary School.



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Olivia Szendey will dance as a Mini-Mouse.

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Residents augment Phillips Academy's *Nutcracker*



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Katja Grober joins party

Katja Grober (pictured at left) is a fifth-grade student at West Elementary School. She has been dancing at the Andover School of Ballet for six years. This year Katja will be performing in the Phillips Academy *Nutcracker* as a party girl and a party boy.

Performances are Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Tang box office on the Phillips Academy campus for \$10, or \$5 for senior citizens and children.

Musical veteran Sara Helmers moves into ballet at Phillips

Sara Helmers of Andover, and a senior at Phillips Academy, will appear in the school's annual performance of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

Helmers began studying ballet during her ninth-grade year at Phillips and will dance the roles of an Arabian, a Mouse and a

Snowflake in this year's production.

Although Phillips Academy's *Nutcracker* marks her first ballet performance, she has appeared on stage in *The Music Man*, *Honk!*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and most recently as Aysha in *Children of Eden*.

Santa night Dec. 10

The second annual Santa Night caroling tour is coming to Greater Lawrence on Friday, Dec. 10. Forty local business people will be dressing up as Santas and Elves visiting local pubs and restaurants to sing a few carols and raise money for families and children in need this holiday season. The event is sponsored by the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club.

All money raised will be distributed to the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club Aquatic Safety program.

"Support the restaurants and pubs that support Santa Night by visiting them Friday night, Dec. 10," said Kiwanis organizers, in a release. "And while you're there, help us by singing along."

For more information and a list of supporting establishments, visit www.santanight.com/lawrencema.

Help during holidays

Community of Hope's Fourth Annual Christmas Relief effort helps to provide Christmas for less fortunate families. The Dracut organization says, "last year alone we helped over 90 people. We are looking forward to making this year an even bigger success! We cannot do it without the support of the community." It seeks donations such as toys, gift cards and clothes.

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Lydia Mesler will dance the
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They are both dancing in Dance
Prism's production on Saturday,
Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19 at
the Collins Center. Lydia will
also dance in Littleton.

Hannah Bardo will dance the
role of Mirliton's sheep in
Phillips Academy's production
of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 3, 4,
and 5 at George Washington
Hall (Tang Theater) on the cam-
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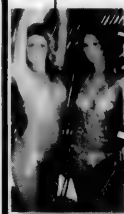


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Local performers studying at Le Studio de Ballet in Dundee Park are (left to right): Nikki Shen, Lydia Mesler, and Hannah Bardo.

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next group of trees or bushes he will
find musk, the object of his quest.
Then at last he falls, exhausted, with
his little head resting on his tiny
hoofs, only to discover that the odor
of musk was in his own hide.

Kirk Byron Jones, author of
*Addicted to Hurry: Spiritual Strategies
for Slowing Down*, (Judson
Press, 2003) says, "During the holi-
day season many of us run ourselves
ragged in search of fulfillment that
is closer to us than we think." Jones
offers the following five strategies
for relishing the inner riches of the
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• **BEGIN WITH PEACE.** Start the
day with meditation, prayer, jour-
nals or other peacemaking activities.

• **PLAN BREAKS.** Don't overdose
on over-commitment. Schedule
times for playing, reflecting, and
resting. Remember the advice of
legendary baseball pitcher Satchel
Page: "Sometimes you need to sit
and think, and sometimes you need
to just sit."

• **LIVE AT A SAVORING PACE.**
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Andover shows

DANCE PRISM

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Emily Wivell. They will be portraying Carolers in the Party Scene. Also from Andover, appearing as Cupids are: Hannah Bowler, Lydia Mesler, Kelsey Scult and Michaela Smith.

Steve Cormey, of North Andover, will be featured in many roles in this production. Promoted to a full company member with Dance Prism in 2001, Steve has become a versatile part of the Nutcracker production. Moving from Party Parent, to Rat King, to Snow King during the course of Act I shows not only his ability to change characters quickly, but costumes as well! Steve also appears in Act II as Arab and Flower Couples.

Tickets for the performances may be obtained through phone charges or mail orders by calling 978-371-1038 or visiting www.danceprism.com. Admission is \$14 for children and seniors, \$20 for adults; discounts are available for groups.

More on performance

Beginning in a warm 19th century Christmas party, Dance Prism's *Nutcracker* follows the traditional story of Clara and the nutcracker she receives from the mysterious Dr. Drosselmeyer. At midnight, the nutcracker comes gallantly to life, battling with giant mice and leading Clara through the crystalline elegance of the Kingdom of Snow to the joyful Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy, where exotic confections - Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, and Marzipan - indulge her fantasies and Candy Flowers decorate Tchaikovsky's quintessential waltz.

The choreography, by Scott Ranagan after the original Petipa, and the score are accompanied by a wardrobe of more than 200 costumes, full scenery, and a cornucopia of surprises: dolls popping out of an oversized package, a reindeer-drawn sleigh, falling snow, and a magically rising Christmas tree.

Dance Prism's customary troupe of 20 dancers is augmented for the *Nutcracker* season by a cadre of young dancers, drawn from eastern New England in a program of open auditions, who rehearse with the company throughout the fall.



Three Andover girls will take part in the touring cast of the Dance Prism show, along with Lea Needham-Wood of Acton as Clara. They are: Michaela Voorhees (bottom row), Leah Cairns and Brittany Carey (top row, l to r).



There are more than 200 costumes in the production of *The Nutcracker* that will hit the Collins Center stage. Several will be worn by Steve Cormey of North Andover, shown above as Arab with Clarissa Eaton of Littleton. Cormey also plays Snow King to Dance Prism principal Eaton's Snow Queen.

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Hanukkah pre-school story hour, 11 a.m., sponsored by Solomon Schechter Day School of the Merrimack Valley, Borders Books, The Loop, Methuen; Dianna Huff 978-372-4140.

Trees members, with Methuen Young People's Theatre performers to lead carol singing, 7-9 p.m., Route 28, Methuen.

Holiday craft fair, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 360 Merrimack St., Building 5, second floor, Lawrence; 800-892-0890, Ext. 347.

Children's Shabbat, abbreviated "Tot" Sabbath service for toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children, Temple Emanuel of Andover, 5:45 p.m., 7 Haggetts Pond Road, 978-470-1356.

Holiday art show, sale, 1-9 p.m., Newburyport Artisans, Unitarian Church, Pleasant Street, Newburyport; 978-462-0713.

Nutcracker at Phillips Academy, 7:30 p.m., tickets on sales at the Tang box office, \$10, \$5 seniors and children.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Kwanzaa celebration, presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department and the Community Affairs and Multicultural Development Office, includes a Kwanzaa celebration of harvest and light featuring music from the Phillips

Academy Gospel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263.

Holiday concert, "A Merry-Mack College Christmas Concert," presented by the Merrimack College Concert Choir and the Merrimack Music Ministry, 7 p.m. (Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. snow date), \$10 suggested donation, the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5450.

Red Bow Fair, 26th annual church fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission, featuring New England crafters and artisans plus an array of holiday arrangements and decorations, silent auction ending at 2 p.m., gift baskets, quilt raffle, more photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon, lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of North Andover, 190 Academy Road, Old Center, North Andover.

Holiday concert, "Joyeux Noel," by New England Classical Singers, including Charpentier's Midnight Mass for Christmas and seasonal carols, 8 p.m., \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$5 students, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; tickets: 978-474-6090 or 978-837-5355, tickets and information: www.newenglandclassical.org.

Merry Music Hall Concert, featuring brass ensemble, organ and choir Christmas music, 7:30 p.m., reserved seating \$15, general seating for adults \$10, for children \$3, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Route 28, Methuen; advanced tickets from Olga Williams 978-682-8674.

Winter Concert, The Performance Ensemble of Northern Essex Community College, under the direction of Michael Finegold, featuring classical, rock, jazz, and pop, 7:30 p.m., in the library conference area on the Haverhill campus; tickets available at the door, \$5 individual, \$25 family. Refreshments after the concert.

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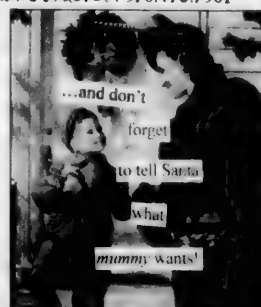
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Bottom row (from left): Xudong Chen, Meghan Hill, Santa's Elf, Bijan Torabi, John Gottfried, and Alex Gottfried; middle row: Christina Petrucci; top row (from left): Jon Mojica, Nicholas Galloway, Christine Morrissey, Santa Claus, Katie LaBatte, and Radka Dancikova.

BRICKSTONE SQUARE

YMCA teens snap Santa pics

YMCA youth leaders from the Andover/North Andover Branch take pictures of children with Santa as Santa visits with children for the 15th year in a row at Brickstone Square, off Route 133/Haverhill Street in Andover. Residents can have their children's photos taken for \$5. Proceeds benefit teen programs. Hot cocoa, coffee, and popcorn are available, as well.

Weather permitting, photos will be available in Santa's Village, in a heated tent on: Friday, Dec. 3 (6-9 p.m.); Saturday, Dec. 4 (5-9 p.m.); Friday, Dec. 10 (6-9 p.m.); Saturday, Dec. 11 (5-9 p.m.); Friday, Dec. 17 (6-9 p.m.); and Saturday, Dec. 18 (5-9 p.m.).

Photos with Santa at Brickstone Square run weekends through Dec. 18.

For more information, contact the Andover/North Andover YMCA at 978-685-3541.

This year, Brickstone Square did not have its traditional tree-lighting ceremony, as it planted a smaller, live tree that should remain the Brickstone Tree for years. The area remains a drop-off point for the Toys for Tots effort. The office complex will collect and then donate toys to local families and children in need this holiday season.



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cert by the NECC Music Club. For more information, 978-556-3413.

Craft Fair, the 26th annual Red Bow Fair, by North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, featuring a variety of crafts, holiday arrangements, photos with Santa and a silent auction, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free, 190 Academy Road, Old Center, North Andover; 978-6899-9549.

Holiday art show, sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., see Dec. 3 entry.

Nutcracker at Phillips Academy, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; see Dec. 3 entry.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Holiday concert, the Phillips Academy Chaplaincy and Music Department will present "Service of Lessons and Carols" featuring traditional readings and song directed by Christopher Walter and the Handbell Choir, 4:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263.

Afternoon of Concerts, featuring two concerts by the North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the Ipswich Co-operative

Bank, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, first concert, 3-4:15 p.m., featuring NYSO's Prelude String Ensemble, the Intermezzo Orchestra, the Junior Flute Orchestra, and the Clarinet Choir; second concert, 4:45-5:45 p.m., featuring the Senior Orchestra and the Senior and Select Flute Choirs, reception between the two performances, free, Ipswich Performing Arts Center on Routes 133 and 1A, Ipswich.

Tree Lighting and Carol Sing, On BallardVale Green, 5 p.m., sponsored by BallardVale Historic District Commission. Dogs on leashes welcome. 978-475-0125.

Winter Concert, by the Northern Essex Community College Chorus, under the direction of music professor Alisa Bucchiere, will perform a variety of selections ranging from Mozart to Broadway, 2 p.m., in the library conference area on the Haverhill campus; tickets available at the door, \$5 individual, \$25 family. Refreshments after the concert by the NECC Music Club. For more information, 978-556-3413.

Concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will present a concert of seasonal favorites and some new music featuring violinist

Alexandra Harrod and Rylie Harrod playing cello, a silent auction will also be offered, 2:30 p.m., \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children under 12, Rogers Center for the Arts, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-372-8237.

Klezmer, di bostoner klezmer, a group of four talented musicians performing a full range of klezmer, traditional Jewish, Hasidic, Israeli, and swing, 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall, free.

Christmas Celebration, Christmas at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 3 p.m. concert, see Dec. 3 entry.

Nutcracker at Phillips Academy, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; see Dec. 3 entry.

Monday, Dec. 6

Coping with the holidays, "Stress Busters for the Holidays," 3 p.m., free and open to public, presented by Merrimack Valley Hospice at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; seating limited, rsvp to Michelle Muller, 978-475-4225.

Tree and Wreath Exhibit, Friends of the Flint Memorial Library in North Reading present an exhibit at the library of decorated trees and wreaths, "Every Tree Tells a Story," featuring raffles and children's activities, culminating in a library open house with refreshments on Dec. 11, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10

Holiday music, performed by the Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m., \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and students, children under 4 not admitted, Belleville Congregational Church, High Street, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Chanukah, Third annual Chanukah "Night of Music," Shabbat evening services filled with traditional and contemporary music, 7 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, 978-470-1356.

Newburyport Artisans First Annual Holiday Fair, 14 artists displaying and selling their work, with live music and free refreshments, 2-9 p.m., free, Unitarian Church, Pleasant Street, Newburyport; Roberta Horsman 978-462-0713.

Christmas concert, Merrimack Valley Players' 4th annual Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$18 seniors and children over 4, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen; 603-893-6226 or visit www.merrimackvalleyplayers.org.

Holiday Fair, Seasonal crafts, decorative and gift items, baked goods, and plants, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whitaker Court; 978-623-8321.

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Saturday, Dec. 11

Santa's Breakfast, presented by the Andover/North Andover YMCA, kids can enjoy a light breakfast, make an elf craft and have their picture taken with Santa, 8:30 a.m. to noon with breakfast seating times at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.; cost per family: Merrimack Valley YMCA members \$8, Methuen branch members \$16, non-members \$24; 165 Haverhill St., Andover; contact 978-685-3541.

Holiday music, performed by the Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m.; see *Friday, Dec. 10* entry.

Chamber music holiday concert, presented by Andover Chamber Music Series, featuring the ACMS ensemble in residence, Mistral, in "Viva Vivaldi!", an all-Vivaldi program with guest guitarist Jason Vieaux, 5 p.m., \$30 general admission, \$8 students, South Church, Central Street; information: 978-474-6222 or www.andoverchambermusic.org.

Concert, Merrimack Valley Players, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.; special pricing for matinee: \$10 children and seniors; see *Dec. 10* entry.

Choral concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m.; see *Dec. 10* entry.

Sunday, Dec. 12

First Light 5765 Concert, Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation presents the 11th annual concert, featuring nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Debbie Friedman; outdoor candle-lighting at 6:30 p.m., concert indoors at 7:15 p.m.; advance tickets \$25, \$15 for seniors over 60 and children under 18; tickets at the door \$30 and \$18, additional discounts for families, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Michelle Soll or Mr. Jan Brodie, 978-688-0466.

Holiday music, performed by the Newburyport Choral Society, 2:30 p.m.; see *Friday, Dec. 10* entry.

Friday, Dec. 17

Festival of Lights, add a multicultural twist to the holidays with festive crafts, activities and songs as the YMCA explores traditions around the globe, refreshments served, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; cost per family: YMCA family members \$7,

YMCA general members \$14, non-members \$21; Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; contact 978-685-3541.

Ongoing Holiday events

11th Annual Methuen Festival of Trees, more than 200 sparkling Christmas trees, decorated with themes to kick off the holiday season, displayed for two weeks and then will be raffled off at the end of the festival to attendees, proceeds go to benefit the restoration efforts to rebuild Methuen's historic landmarks, Nov. 20-Dec. 6, weekdays from 5-9 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-9 p.m., general admission \$6, senior citizens (65 or older) \$4, children 12 and younger free, in Valley Office Park, 13 Branch St., Methuen (from I-93 take Exit 46 - follow signs for Route 113 West).

Winter Wonderland, the Rausco family of Boxford will open two acres of holiday-light viewing from Nov. 26 to Dec. 18, featuring thousands of lights, a specially built landing strip called Rudolph's Runway, and enchanted forest, Frosty's Arctic Circle, Prancer Park, a huge gingerbread house and much more,

afterward visitors are invited to sit by the campfire and enjoy hot chocolate with Mrs. Claus, marshmallow toasting and hot dog roasting welcome, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, free, 52 Porter Road (off Ipswich Road or Main Street), Boxford.

Theater

Christmas In Our Town: Holiday Stories, an original play by Theater in the Open, directed by Jeffrey Rath, Dec. 1 through Dec. 26, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m., \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, students and children, The Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport; reservations, 978-462-7336, information, 978-465-2512 or visit www.theaterintheopen.org.

A Christmas Carol, Dec. 2-23, Wednesdays and Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 4 and 8 p.m., Sundays 1 and 5 p.m., Dec. 21-23 7:30 p.m., \$32 adults, \$27 seniors (62+), \$16 students (under 18 or with valid college ID), Stoneham Theatre, Main Street (Route 28), Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200, StonehamTheatre.org.

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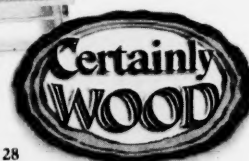
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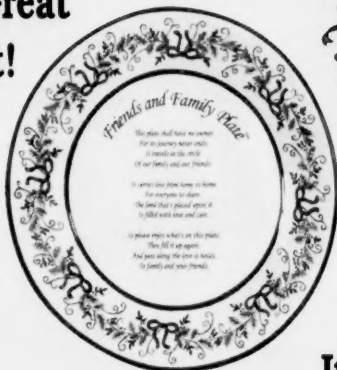
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Caution keeps the merry in season

Tips for shoppers bidding online, buying gift cards

Whether seeking hard-to-find gifts or simply avoiding the mall rush, many people choose to give a gift card or to shop by way of online auction as alternatives to traditional holiday shopping. The following tips from the Better Business Bureau can help them have a positive experience this holiday season when bidding for an item or purchasing a gift card, says the BBB.

"Auction fraud was the most prevalent internet scam reported to the Federal Trade Commission in 2003, and recently certain gift cards have come under scrutiny for allegedly violating local consumer protection laws," said Robert H. Williams, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving eastern Mass., Maine and Vermont.

"However," he went on to say, "taking just a few precautions can help you avoid problems this season."

Purchasing a gift through an online auction requires caution before, during, and after the bid-

ding. Some advice:

- Check for the BBBOnline gold seal. This seal indicates that the site meets BBB Web Site Standards. Also check out the auction company with the BBB at www.bosbbb.org.

- Check for privacy policies, security policies, and fraud protection programs offered by the site. Find out what happens if something goes wrong with an auction.

- Many online auction sites offer a feedback service where buyers post their experience with a certain seller. Positive feedback is not always a sure sign that you can trust a seller, however negative feedback may be a sign that a seller is problematic.

- Read an item's description carefully. Bid with caution when you see phrases such as "refurbished," "used," "damaged," "discontinued," "close out," etc.

- Get all questions answered before bidding. Retracting your bid may not be an option.

- Decide a maximum price

you will pay for an item — and stick to it.

- Obtain contact information from the seller beyond the e-mail address. Verify that a phone number or street address belongs to the seller. If you experience a problem with the seller, these forms of contact can be helpful.

Choose a payment method that offers you the best protection. Credit cards offer added protection for the buyer if problems arise. If you use a Visa card, consider utilizing Verified by Visa, an anti-fraud technology that makes it more difficult for criminals or unauthorized users to make a transaction with a stolen card number. More than 175,000 online merchants in the US have adopted this technology, making it one of the most widespread anti-fraud technologies on the internet.

- Personal checks might be another option when dealing with a reputable seller. Cashier's check and money orders are difficult or impossible to track. Cash is not a safe method of payment and should never be used.

- Consider an online payment service, which allows users to set up accounts with their credit or debit cards. The service, not the buyer, maintains your account information, which provides added protection.

Gift cards are another option this holiday season, but not all cards are the same. Get the facts before choosing a card, and pass them on to the person you give the card to.

Before purchasing a gift card, always ask questions such as the following:

- Is there a monthly fee?
- After how many months will the fee kick in?
- Are there additional fees when buying the card online or over the phone?
- When does the card expire?
- Can the recipient reactivate the card?
- Is there an additional fee to open the card?
- Where can the recipient use this card?

You should also consider which card makes the most sense for the recipient, a store card or a gift debit card.

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Royal Jewelers, 58 Main St. in Andover, is excited to announce the grand opening of its new Michael Beaudry Boutique, one of the first in the United States. Royal Jewelers is celebrating the new boutique with a trunk show Dec. 10 and 11. In honor of the occasion, Beaudry will be presenting millions of dollars worth of important, one-of-a-kind designs.

Michael Beaudry is a master diamond cutter who started designing jewelry in the early 1990s. Known throughout his career for "specials" (10 carat and larger diamonds as well as fancy colored diamonds), his Victorian, Edwardian, and Deco influenced collection features

the most spectacular diamonds available in the market today. Each Beaudry Signed Original is hand crafted in platinum with 18K or 22K yellow or rose gold accents.

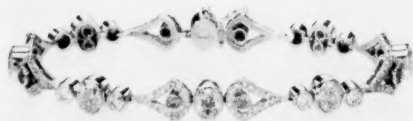
Beaudry's "Couture" collection has been the most influential in the industry in recent years. Due to the extremely limited nature of his production (less than 1,700 pieces were produced last year) and the extraordinarily stringent quality control, Beaudry is the most collectible designer jewelry collection in the world today. Royal Jewelers is the exclusive Beaudry retailer for all of Massachusetts.

Beaudry at only age 38 has already set the industry on its

ear. He was among the first to herald the revival of platinum and almost single-handedly brought back into vogue such classic diamond cuts as the cushion and Asscher cuts. His signature style has already influenced dozens of young designers and each new creation is destined to be a treasured family heirloom.

Royal Jewelers, honored as "Best of Boston" by Boston Magazine and voted Retailer of the Year by the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce, invites people to see this amazing collection on display everyday. "You will recognize instantly why Beaudry is known as the finest jewelry made in the United States today," it said.

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